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To the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives

This is our report entitled "Lack of Authority Limits Consumer Protection: Problems in Identifying and Removing from the Market Products which Violate the Law." The Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, is responsible for protecting the consumer from violative products.

Our review was made pursuant to the Budget and Accounting Act, 1921 (31 U.S.C. 53), and the Accounting and Auditing Act of 1950 (31 U.S.C. 67).

Copies of this report are being sent to the Director, Office of Management and Budget, and to the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Acting Comptroller General of the United States

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