

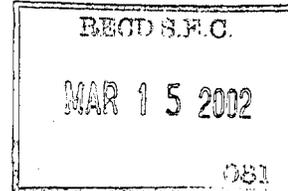
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Dear Ms. Hughes:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Chiquita Brands International, Inc., Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, Warrants to subscribe for Common Stock and % Senior Notes due 2009 and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on March 15, 2002. Tentative listing date – March 20, 2002.

Sincerely,

Pavab Ladho