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Office of Special Nutritionals (HFS-450)
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
Food and Drug Administration
200 C St. S.W.
Washington, DC 20204

RE: Compliance with Food Labeling; Notification Procedures for
Statements on Dietary Supplements.

Dear FDA Consumer Safety Officer,

In compliance with the new food labeling ruling requiring distributors of dietary supplements to notify FDA that they are marketing a dietary supplement product that bears on its label or a statement provided by section 403(r)(6), the following is herein stated:

(i). The name and address of the distributor of the dietary supplement "Cat's Claw 495 mg" is:

NutriMed, Inc.
3314 W. Columbus Dr.
Tampa, FL 33607-3111, U.S.A.

(ii). The exact text of the statement that is being made on the side panel is:

■ "Researchers report that Cat's Claw may relax blood vessels, stimulate immune response, and promote neuromuscular well-being."

(iii). The name of the dietary ingredient that is the subject of the statement being made is:

■ Cat's Claw, powdered (bark) [Uncaria tomentosa] 495 mg

(iv). The name of the dietary supplement on whose label the statement appears is "Cat's Claw 495 mg" and the brand name is "NutriMed."

(v). The product "Cat's Claw 495 mg" contains the following prominently displayed, boxed, and boldface type statement:

"This statement has not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration. This product is not intended to diagnose,

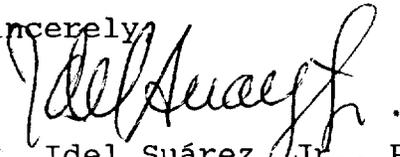
treat, cure, or prevent any disease."

(vi). The product was first marketed on March 21, 1998, in the State of Florida by NutriMed, Inc.

(vii). I, Dr. Idel Suárez, Jr., Ph.D., M.S., R.D., as President of NutriMed, Inc., and as a qualified nutrition professional certify that the information above presented is complete and accurate, and our firm is able to substantiate that the statement is truthful and not misleading.

A monograph, which reviews the scientific literature and substantiates the claims made on Cat's Claw as a supplement is on file and available upon request.

Sincerely,



Dr. Idel Suárez, Jr., Ph.D., M.S., R.D.
President of NutriMed, Inc.

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