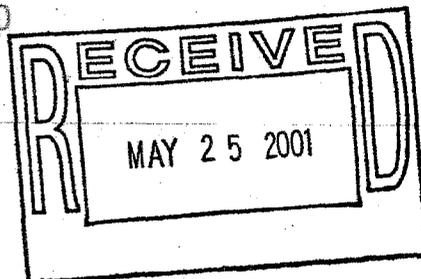


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May 15, 2001

Office of Special Nutritional (HFS-450)
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
Food and Drug Administration
200 C St. SW
Washington, D.C. 20204

Dear Sir or Madam:

I hereby notify the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of the use of a statement of nutritional support in the labeling of Carlson ACES Gold. Carlson Division of J. R. Carlson Laboratories, Inc., Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004, is the distributor of Carlson ACES Gold.

Statement being made in the labeling of the above mentioned Carlson products:

“Excessive free radicals can come from air pollution, tobacco smoke, ozone, radiation, dietary fats, heavy exercise, and other sources. Antioxidants protect our body cells from these unstable molecules. ACES Gold provides the ultimate antioxidant arsenal, combining powerful ACES antioxidants with the energizing antioxidant, Co-Enzyme Q10. Nutrients vital to the proper functioning of two important antioxidant enzymes made within our bodies (Glutathione Peroxidase and Superoxide Dismutase) are included, plus phytonutrient-rich antioxidants and antioxidants which any enhance other antioxidants.”

To the best of my knowledge, and based upon information and belief present at the time of the executing of the notice, I certify that the above information is accurate and complete; and the J.R. Carlson Laboratories, Inc. possesses substantiation that the statements are truthful and not misleading.

J.R. Carlson Laboratories, Inc.

By Susan Carlson
Susan Carlson, Vice President

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