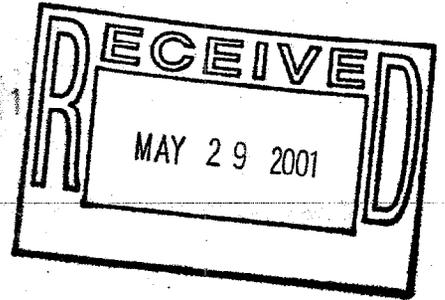


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Office of Special Nutritional (HFS-450)
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
Food and Drug Administration
200 C St. SW
Washington, D.C. 20204

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 Pycnogenol with vitamin C. Carlson Division of J. R. Carlson Laboratories, Inc., Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004, is the distributor of Carlson Pycnogenol with vitamin C.

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

“The extract of the bark from the maritime pine tree is the source of Pycnogenol a complex of water-soluble compounds, working as powerful antioxidants, interfacing with vitamins C and E, helping to maintain healthy circulation. Vitamin C is added to further enhance the antioxidant activity of Pycnogenol.”

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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