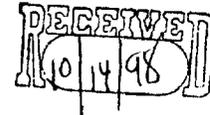




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Dr. Elizabeth Yetley
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Dear Dr. Yetley:

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the requirements of Section 403(r)(6)(21 U.S.C. 343(r)(6) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act of statements of nutritional support which have been made on the label and/or in the labeling in connection with the marketing of the dietary supplement CHELATED FERROUS GLUCONATE 5 grain. CHELATED FERROUS GLUCONATE 5 grain was first marketed with these statements of nutritional support on Thursday, August 27, 1998. The statements of nutritional support are as follows:

"Iron is essential to nutrition because it helps in the formation of red blood cells and in the transportation of oxygen to tissues. The need for iron increases during growth, menstruation, pregnancy or when there is a loss of blood or a poor diet."

"Highly absorbable form of iron"

"Helps build red blood cells"

"Maintain iron-healthy blood by taking this Ferrous Gluconate product along with Mason's Folic Acid 800mcg."

Very truly yours,

MASON VITAMINS, INC.

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