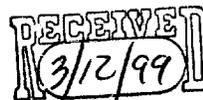




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Food and Drug Administration  
Office of Special Nutritionals (HFS-450)  
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition  
200 C Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20204



Dear Sirs:

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 and in accordance with the requirements of 21 C.F.R. 101.93, that Rexall Showcase International, Inc. located at 853 Broken Sound Parkway, N.W., Boca Raton, Florida 33487 within the past 30 days has marketed a dietary supplement bearing the following statement(s) on the label and/or in the labeling:

Osteo•Essentials™: [is] formulated to promote healthy, mobile joint function, connective tissue and bones. [It] helps regenerate and repair cartilage and promote healthy joint function, connective tissue and bones to support optimal mobility and comfort. Discover our unique, multinutritional approach to natural joint flexibility and mobility. Our Osteo•Essentials formula is a blend of key vitamins, minerals, herbs and other dietary ingredients to promote the repairing and rebuilding of cartilage in the knees, back, neck, hips, ankles and wrists. [It] helps restore the cushioning effect joints need to support optimal mobility and comfort. [It] contains minerals that help maintain strong bones. [It] contains Vitamin C which is essential for synthesis of collagen, a building block of cartilage.

The undersigned certifies that the information contained in this notice is complete and accurate and that Rexall Showcase International, Inc. has substantiation that the statement is truthful and not misleading. Pursuant to § 101.93 (a)(1), two copies of this notification are enclosed

Sincerely,

Deborah Shur Trinker  
Vice President of Regulatory Affairs  
and Assistant General Counsel

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