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U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

NEW YORK DISTRICT
850 THIRD AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11232

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WARNING LETTER

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

October 3, 1997

Mr. Benjamin Guzman
President
Eagle Spice & Extract Co., Inc.
1920 Atlantic Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11233

Ref: 2-NYK-98

Dear Mr. Guzman:

An inspection of your firm on June 18, 1997 determined that LEMON JUICE manufactured and marketed by your firm is in violation of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the Act) as follows:

Our investigation revealed that your "lemon juice" is adulterated within the meaning of section 402(b) of the Act in that a valuable constituent, lemon juice, has been omitted and the ingredients, water, citric acid, "cloud emulsion", xanthum gum, yellow #5 and yellow #6, have been substituted in whole or in part for the valuable constituent, lemon juice.

The product "lemon juice" is misbranded within the meaning of section 403(g) of the Act in that it is represented as the standardized food "lemon juice", but fails to conform to the standard of identity prescribed in Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 146.114. The product violated the standard because it does not contain lemon juice, an ingredient, required by the standard, and because it contains citric acid, "cloud emulsion", xanthum gum, yellow #5 and yellow #6, ingredients not permitted by the standard.

The food is misbranded within the meaning of section 403(i)(2) of the Act in that it purports to be a beverage containing fruit juice but the information panel of the label fails to bear a statement of the total percentage of fruit juice contained in the food (21 CFR 101.30).

The food is misbranded within the meaning of section 403(q)(1) of the Act in that the serving size declaration (1/2 teaspoon) for this product is only one-half of the required amount (1 teaspoon). As a result, the nutrient levels declared in the nutrition labeling are only one-half the amount they should be and significantly misrepresent the nutrient profile for this product.

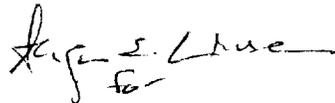
This letter is not intended to be an all inclusive review of all products your firm may distribute. It is your responsibility to ensure that all products you distribute are in compliance with the Act and regulations.

You should take prompt action to correct these violations. Failure to promptly correct them may result in enforcement action without further notice, such as seizure and/or injunction.

You should notify this office in writing, within 15 working days of receipt of this letter, of the specific steps you have taken to correct the noted violations in this letter. If corrective action cannot be completed within 15 working days, state the reason for the delay and the time within which the corrections will be completed.

Your reply should be sent to the Food and Drug Administration, New York District, 850 Third Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11232, Attention: Laurence D. Daurio, Compliance Officer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brenda J. Holman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Brenda J. Holman
District Director