

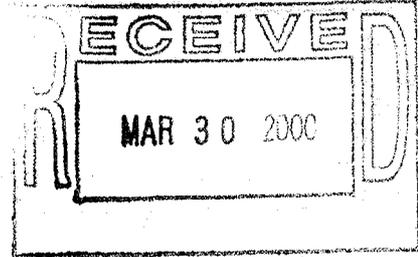


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Food and Drug Administration
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Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
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Dear Sirs:

Notice is hereby given that Rexall Sundown, Inc. ("Sundown") located at 6111 Broken Sound Parkway, N.W., Boca Raton, Florida 33487 has marketed a dietary supplement under the Sundown and Thompson brand names bearing the following statement(s) on the label and/or in the labeling:

Pantothenic Acid 500mg (Sundown) (Thompson): [It] helps metabolize food to provide energy. Pantothenic Acid, or Vitamin B-5, is a component of coenzyme A (CoA) which is necessary for the metabolism of carbohydrates, fatty acids and some amino acids. Pantothenic Acid plays a role in the formation of antibodies, hemoglobin, hormones (e.g., growth, sex and stress), neurotransmitters (acetylcholine) and sterols. Pantothenic Acid in the form of CoA helps transport and metabolize fatty acids.

The undersigned certifies that the information contained in this notice is complete and accurate and that Sundown 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

Enclosure