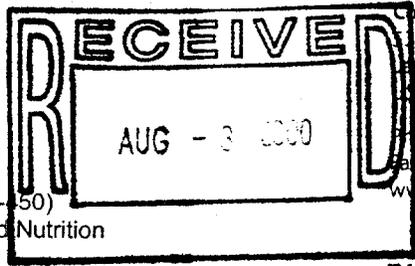




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Office of Special Nutritionals (HFS-50)  
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Food and Drug Administration  
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To the Food and Drug Administration:

Pursuant to section 403(r)(6) for the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDC Act), 21.U.S.C. § 343 (r)(6), we hereby notify the FDA that Cognis Corporation has included the following statements in labeling for a dietary ingredient that it manufactures and markets for use in dietary supplement products.

The following information is provided:

1. The name and address of the manufacturer and distributor of the dietary ingredient is as follows:  
Cognis Corporation, 5325 South 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, LaGrange, IL 60525-3602.
2. The text of the labeling statements is as follows:  
  
"Natural Lutein Esters help maintain eye health."  
  
"These two carotenoids form the macular pigment and may filter out harmful blue light, in this way reducing free radical damage."  
  
"Supplements can increase the optical density of the macular pigment."
3. The dietary ingredient that is the subject of the statements is lutein ester. The brand name for this ingredient is Xangold™.
4. We do not manufacture or distribute retail dietary supplement products, only bulk dietary ingredients used by others in their manufacture of their dietary supplements. The information provided above relates to the labeling that will be used by Cognis Corporation and for which Cognis Corporation is responsible.

Pursuant to FDA regulations concerning "notification procedures for certain types of statements on dietary supplements," 21C.F.R. § 101.93, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and in my opinion, the information contained in this notice is complete and accurate, and that Cognis Corporation has substantiation that the statements are truthful and not misleading.

We trust this provides the information that is needed. If you should have any questions, please just let us know.

Sincerely,

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