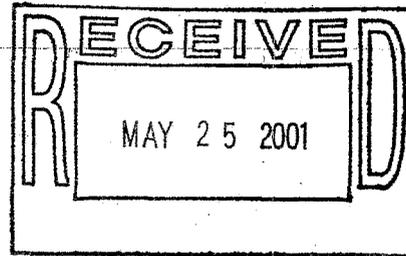


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Dear Sir or Madam:

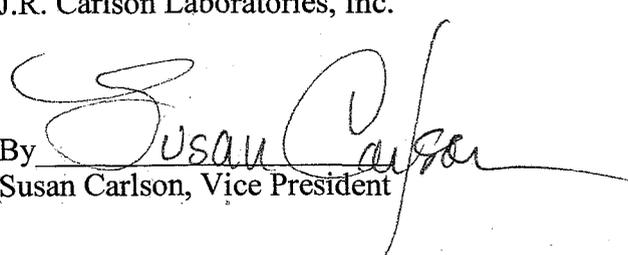
I hereby notify the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of the use of a statement of nutritional support in the labeling of Carlson Zinc. Carlson Division of J. R. Carlson Laboratories, Inc., Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004, is the distributor of Carlson Zinc.

Statement being made in the labeling of the above mentioned Carlson products:

"Zinc is essential for normal growth and development. It activates and constitutes many key enzymes, including those involved in protein and nucleic acid metabolism, antioxidant activity, hormone synthesis, and immune system functions."

To the best of my knowledge, and based upon information and belief present at the time of the executing of the notice, I certify that the above information is accurate and complete; and the J.R. Carlson Laboratories, Inc. possesses substantiation that the statements are truthful and not misleading.

J.R. Carlson Laboratories, Inc.

By 
Susan Carlson, Vice President

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