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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 statement in a new brochure that is 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 9th Avenue, LaGrange, IL 60525-3602.
2. The text of the labeling statements is as follows:
"VEGAPURE™ Vegetable Sterol Esters help maintain cholesterol levels that are already in the normal range."
3. The dietary ingredients that are the subject of this statement are natural mixed sterol esters. The brand name for this ingredient is VEGAPURE™.
4. We do not manufacture or distribute retail dietary supplement products, only bulk dietary ingredients used by others in the 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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