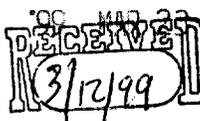




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March 10, 1999

Food and Drug Administration
Office of Special Nutritionals (HFS-450)
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
200 C Street, SW
Washington, DC 20204

Dear Sirs:

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the requirements of section 403(r)(6) (21 U.S.C. 343(r)(6)) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and in accordance with the requirements of 21 C.F.R. 101.93, that Rexall Showcase International, Inc. located at 853 Broken Sound Parkway, N.W., Boca Raton, Florida 33487 within the past 30 days has marketed a dietary supplement bearing the following statement(s) on the label and/or in the labeling:

Balance Blend™: [is] an exclusive blend gently formulated to lighten and lift your mood. Clinical studies support the daily use of 900 mg of St. John's Wort, standardized to 0.3% hypericin, as contained in Balance Blend to enhance mood and promote mental well-being. Rhodiola rosea is a Russian alpine plant with adaptogenic properties which can help the body adjust to stress. This complementary select blend of St. John's Wort, Rhodiola rosea, ginger root and Siberian ginseng helps to increase your overall sense of well-being.

The undersigned certifies that the information contained in this notice is complete and accurate and that Rexall Showcase International, Inc. 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

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