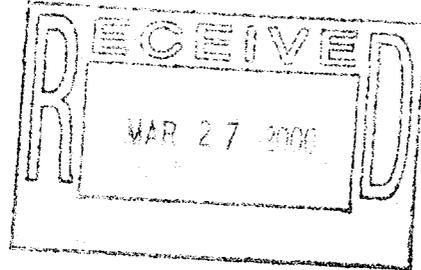




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March 23, 2000

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 that Richardson Labs, Inc. ("Richardson") located at 6111 Broken Sound Parkway, N.W., Boca Raton, Florida 33487 has marketed a dietary supplement under the Richardson brand name bearing the following statement(s) on the label and/or in the labeling:

Pyruvate-CTM: Stimulate metabolism. Reduce body fat. Maintain lean muscle. Pyruvate is a naturally occurring substance which is essential to energy metabolism. Pyruvate is a key component in the chemical process by which the body creates energy from carbohydrates (sugar) and fat.†

The undersigned certifies that the information contained in this notice is complete and accurate and that Richardson has substantiation that the statement is truthful and not misleading. Pursuant to § 101.93 (a)(1), two copies of this notification are enclosed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Deborah Shur Trinker'.

Deborah Shur Trinker
Vice President of Regulatory Affairs
and Assistant General Counsel

Enclosure

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