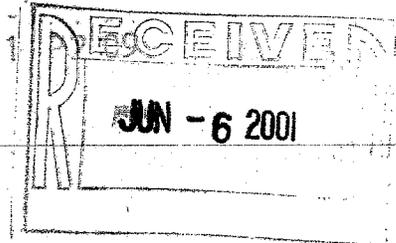


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Office of Special Nutritionals (HF-450)
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
Food and Drug Administration
200 C Street SW
Washington, DC 20204

Re: 21 U.S.C. Section 343(r)(6), Notification of Statements on Dietary Supplements

Dear Sir/Madam:

I hereby notify the Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") of the use of statements of nutritional support in the labeling of Vitex Extract, an herbal dietary supplement.

Statements being made in the labeling of Vitex Extract

- (1) Vitex Extract is a traditional herbal remedy taken from the shrub *Vitex agnus-castus*, which grows in the temperate regions of Asia. In ancient times, it was a symbol of chastity, hence its common name, the chaste tree. Vitex has been the subject of recent research due to its reputation for supporting female hormonal levels during menopause. This standardized formula contains Dong Quai for synergism and additional support.

To the best of my knowledge, and based upon information and belief present at the time of the executing of this notice, I certify that the above information is accurate and complete. Now Foods possesses substantiation that the statements are truthful and not misleading.

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