

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Food and Drug Administration Washington, DC 20204

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Ms. Phyllis Tan BMK International, Inc. 15 Lathrop Road Wellesley, Massachusetts 02482

Dear Ms. Tan:

This is in response to your letter of June 1, 2001 to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 343(r)(6) (section 403(r)(6) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the Act)). Your submission states that BMK International, Inc. is making the following claims, among others, for the product **Neo-Concept[®]** Aller Relief:

"...airborne irritants...can clog the sinuses." "...Aller Relief...supporting clear and easy breathing." "Supports sinus."

21 U.S.C. 343(r)(6) makes clear that a statement included in labeling under the authority of that section may not claim to diagnose, mitigate, treat, cure, or prevent a specific disease or class of diseases. The statements that you are making for this product, including use of the name of the product (i.e., Aller Relief," suggest that it is intended to treat, prevent, cure, or mitigate diseases, namely, allergies. These claims do not meet the requirements of 21 U.S.C. 343(r)(6). These claims suggest that this product is intended for use as a drug within the meaning of 21 U.S.C. 321(g)(1)(B), and that it is subject to regulation under the drug provisions of the Act. If you intend to make claims of this nature, you should contact FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER), Office of Compliance, HFD-310, 7520 Standish Place, Rockville, Maryland 20855.

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Please contact us if we may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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John B. Foret Director Division of Compliance and Enforcement Office of Nutritional Products, Labeling and Dietary Supplements Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition

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Dear Sir,

Please see enclosed the following information for the notification for Statements on Dietary Supplements.

We have enclosed one original and two copies.

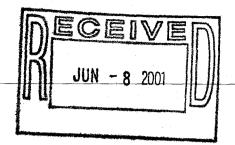
If you have any questions, please contact BMK at the following:

BMK International Inc. 15 Lathrop Road Wellesley, MA 02482 Tel: (781) 235-9999

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

Phyllis Tan Product Manager



Distributor:

BMK International Inc. 15 Lathrop Road Wellesley, MA 02482

<u>Text:</u>

Aller Relief is a special Chinese formulation with Magnolia Flowers and other Chinese herbs. According to traditional Chinese herbalism, airborne irritants or wind cold can clog the sinuses. Aller Relief disperses wind cold, supporting clear and easy breathing. Supports sinus*

*These statements have not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration. This product is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure or prevent any diseases.

Name of the ingredients:

Magnolia Flowers

Name of the supplement:

Neo•Concept® Aller Relief

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Phyllis Tan Product Manager

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