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

RE: Notification of Nutritional Support Statements

Dear Sir or Madam:

I hereby notify the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of the use of statements of nutritional support in the labeling of **Spirulina**, a dietary supplement. Horizon<sup>®</sup> Nutraceuticals is the manufacturer of **Spirulina**.

## Statements being made in the labeling of Spirulina:

- (1) For over 30 years spirulina (Spirulina platensis) has been the premier choice for supplementing a vegetarian diet.
- (2) This special blue-green algae is high protein, very low fat source of vitamins, minerals, carotenoids, and essential fatty acids. Spirulina is a great source of many nutrients. Most notable is the high quality protein, which contains a good amount of amino acids.
- (3) Spirulina's cell walls do not contain cellulose to slow down digestion.

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

Ira L. Goldberg

President, Horizon Nutraceuticals

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