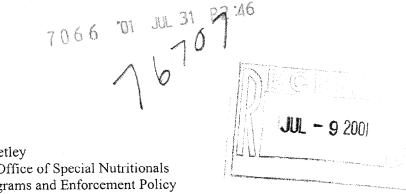


The Vitamin Marketing Experts



June 4, 2001

Dr. Elizabeth Yetley Director of the Office of Special Nutritionals Division of Programs and Enforcement Policy Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition Food and Drug Administration 200 C Street HFS-455 Washington, D.C. 20204

Dear Dr. Yetley:

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 of statements of nutritional support which have been made on the label and/or in the labeling in connection with the marketing of the dietary supplement Metabo Ephedra-Free[™]. Metabo Ephedra-Free[™] was marketed with these statements of nutritional support on May 1, 2001. The statements of nutritional support are as follows:

Provides energy and enhances your diet.* This natural herbal formula may help you lose weight.*

Very truly yours,

MASON VITAMINS, INC.

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