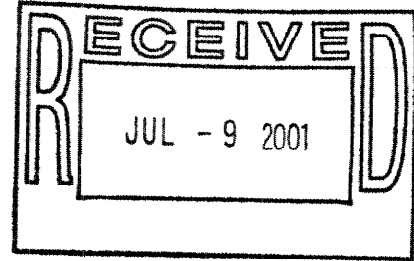


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June 4, 2001

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 Lutein. Lutein was marketed with these statements of nutritional support on May 1, 2001. The statements of nutritional support are as follows:

Strengthens eye muscle and macular area of eye for improved vision.*

Very truly yours,

MASON VITAMINS, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sonia C. Rodriguez".

Sonia C. Rodriguez
VP Marketing & Regulatory Affairs

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