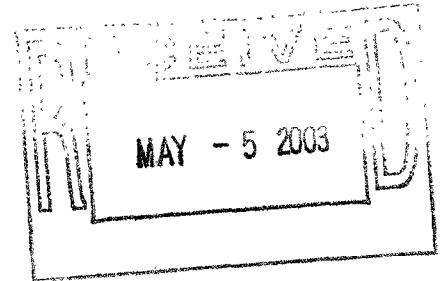




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Food and Drug Administration
Office of Special Nutritionals (HFS-450)
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
200 C Street, SW
Washington, DC 20204

Dear Sirs:

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 403(r)(6) (21 U.S.C. § 343(r)(6)) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act that Met-Rx USA, Inc. ("Met-Rx") located at 6111 Broken Sound Parkway, N.W., Boca Raton, Florida 33487 has marketed a dietary supplement under the Met-Rx brand name bearing the following statement(s) on the labels and/or in the labeling:

Defense: [It] is formulated with vitamins, minerals and herbs that support daily physical activities. The antioxidants, Vitamins C and E, blended with Echinacea and Zinc help maintain a healthy immune system, while stimulating and revitalizing energy levels.

The undersigned certifies that the information contained in this notice is complete and accurate and that Met-Rx has substantiation that the statement is truthful and not misleading. Pursuant to § 101.93 (a)(1), two copies of this notification are enclosed.

Sincerely,

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