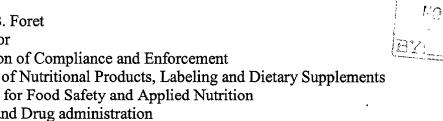


October 29, 2002

John B. Foret Director Division of Compliance and Enforcement Office of Nutritional Products, Labeling and Dietary Supplements Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition Food and Drug administration 200 C St. SW; Washington, DC 20204



Dear Mr. Foret:

This is in response to your correspondence of October 23, 2002 advising that the structure / function claim of the dietary supplement Algium [1] (a low molecular weight soluble fiber from the seaweed kombu (Kelp)) may be in violation of 21 U.S.C. 343(r)(6) (section 403(r)(6) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. We hereby notify you of the following revised statements that we are intending to use:

(1) A low molecular weight soluble fiber from the seaweed kombu (Kelp) (AlgiumTM) helps healthy regularity

(2) A low molecular weight soluble fiber from the seaweed kombu (Kelp) (AlgiumTM), as part of a diet low in saturated fat and cholesterol, helps to maintain cholesterol levels that are already within the normal range.

(3) A low molecular weight soluble fiber from the seaweed kombu (Kelp) (AlgiumTM) helps to maintain blood glucose levels that are already within the normal range.

Soft Gel Technologies at 6982 Bandini Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90040, is the distributor of the dietary fiber AlgiumTM (a low molecular weight soluble fiber from the seaweed kombu (Kelp))

The undersigned certifies that the information contained in this notice is complete and accurate, and that Soft Gel Technologies Inc. has substantiation that each statement is truthful and not misleading.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely yours,

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