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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

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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 **Chitosan**, a dietary supplement. Horizon@ is the manufacturer of **Chitosan**.

Statements being made in the labeling of **Chitosan**:

(1) Chitosan is a natural fiber derived from chitin, an aminopolysaccharide found in the shells of crabs, lobsters, and other shellfish. Chitosan is created by removing acetyl groups from chitin, through a process called deacetylation. This process heightens the activity of Chitosan by improving its solubility in the acidic environment of the stomach. Chitosan is a nondigestible fiber and therefore has no caloric value.

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. Horizon possesses substantiation that the statements are truthful and not misleading.

  
Ira L. Goldberg  
President, Horizon Nutraceuticals

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