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Office of Nutritional Products, Labeling and Dietary Supplements HFS-810 Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition Food and Drug Administration 200 C Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20204

To Whom it May Concern,

This letter is submitted pursuant to Section 406 (r)(6) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for the purpose of notifying the agency of statements being made in connection with the marketing of dietary supplements being distributed by this company.

The product name and the dietary ingredients for which the statement is being made is as follows:

Zinc Gluconate

Calcium (as dicalcium phosphate)

100mg

Zinc (as zinc gluconate)

1 Omg

Other ingredients: Microcrystalline cellulose, stearic acid, croscarmellose sodium, magnesium stearate, silicon dioxide,

pharmaceutical glaze

DHEA

Vitamin C (as ascorbic acid)

25mg

Calcium (as dicalcium phosphate)

105mg

DHEA (dehydroepiandrosterone)

25mg

Other ingredients: Microcrystalline cellulose, gelatin, magnesium

stearate.

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The text of the statements that are being made in regards to the above stated product are listed below:

Zinc Gluconate

- -Zinc is thought to regulate the metabolism of the male sex hormone testosterone in the prostate
- -supports good bone health

DHEA

- -Over 40?
- -Scientific studies show that DHEA supplements can help increase muscle strength and lean body mass as well as support the immune system especially in older men and women

Sincerely,

GENERAL VITAMIN CORP.

Megan Joslin

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