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Office of Nutritional Products
Labeling and Dietary Supplements
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
Food and Drug Administration
5100 Paint Branch Parkway
College Park, MD 20740-3835

Re: NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 6 OF DSHEA

Pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement and Education Act of 1994 ("DSHEA"), Ricola (USA), Inc., 51 Gibraltar Drive, Morris Plains, NJ 07950, wishes to notify the Food and Drug Administration that within the past 30 days the Company has begun marketing a dietary supplement with a label which bears statements of nutritional support. Ricola is the distributor of the product. The product is manufactured by Ricola Ag, Ricola's parent, of Laufen, Switzerland.

The dietary supplement for which the statements are made is NATURE'S PROTECTIONTM Elderberry Vitamin C Supplement Drops, which contain the dietary ingredient Vitamin C 30 mg per drop, 60 mg per serving. The statement of nutritional support for this product reads as follows:

Vitamin C Supplement Drops

Helps Support Immune System

Two drops provide 100% of the Daily Value of Vitamin C to help support the body's immune system in a refreshing, natural way.

A sample of the package for the product is attached.

These statements are accompanied by the required disclaimer indicating that the statements have not been evaluated by FDA and that the product is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure, or prevent any

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Ricola uses the fruity elderberries from the elder tree and our unique herb mixture to give Ricola Nature's Protection Vitamin C Supplement Drops their distinctive taste.

Two drops provide 100% of the Daily Value of Vitamin C to help support the body's immune system' in a refreshing, natural way.

For more information about Ricola, visit www.ricolausa.com

Manufacturer Ricola Ltd., 4242 Laufen, Switzerland. Distributed by: Ricola Inc., Morris Plains, NJ 07950 Product of Switzerland.

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Batch:

New TH OTHER NATURAL FLAVORS 24 Drops HELPS SUPPORT IMMUNE SYSTEM*

Elderberry

Vitamin C Supplement Drops Helps Support Immune System*

Supplement Facts Serving Size 2 drops

Amount per Serving	% Daily Value*
29	
7 g	2%
5 g	**
60 mg	100%
	per Serving 29 7 g 5 g

 Percent Daily Values are bas on a 2,000 calorie diet
 Daily Value not established

Other ingredients: sugar, starch syrup, citric acid, extract of Ricola's herb mixture (thyme, hyssop, lemon balm, sage, peppermint), lemon juice concentrate, elderberry concentrate, natural color (extract of fruits and vegetables), natural flavors.

Suggested use: as a dietary supplement, take 2 to 8 drops per day.

Warnings: if pregnant or breast-feeding, ask a health professional before use. Keep out of reach of children.

Other information: store in a dry place.

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