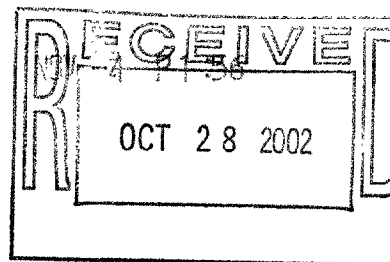


24 October 2002

CERTIFIED MAIL

Robert Moore, Ph.D.
Office of Special Nutritionals (HFS-450)
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
Food and Drug Administration
5100 Paint Branch Parkway
College Park, MD 20740-3835

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Re: Food Labeling, Notification of Statements on Dietary Supplement.

Dear Dr. Moore:

Pursuant to 21CFR Subpart F, section 101.93, Chattem, Inc., (the distributor, which is located at 1715 West 38th Street, Chattanooga, TN 37409) wishes to notify the Food and Drug Administration that it has, within the past 30 days of this notification, commenced marketing a dietary supplement which bear statements of nutritional support in their labeling.

The statements are made for a revised formula of Dexatrim Natural™ No Caffeine Formula that does not contain ephedrine-alkaloids. These statements are:

- helps curb your appetite &
- helps the body's natural ability to use fat and calories more efficiently.
- Chromium - assists insulin in carbohydrate and fat metabolism
- Bitter Orange - helps the body to use fat more efficiently
- Garcinia - reduces the cells' ability to make or deposit fat, especially when used with Chromium
- Asian (Panax) Ginseng - helps maintain energy levels while dieting.

These statements are accompanied by the required disclaimer, which is prominently displayed in a box in bold-faced type. I certify that the information contained in this notification is complete and accurate, and that Chattem, Inc. maintains on file substantiation to attest that these statements are truthful and non-misleading. An original and two copies of this notification are being submitted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Law". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Michael Law, Ph.D.
Manager, Regulatory Affairs

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