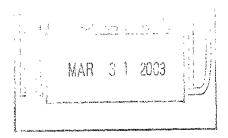
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Food and Drug Administration Office of Special Nutritionals (HFS-450) Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition 200 C Street, SW Washington, DC 20204

Dear Sirs:

Notice is hereby given that Rexall, Inc. ("Rexall") located at 6111 Broken Sound Parkway, N.W., Boca Raton, Florida 33487 has marketed a dietary supplement under the Rexall brand name bearing the following statement(s) on the label and/or in the labeling:

<u>Alpha-Lipoic Acid:</u> [For] antioxidant support. [It] provides antioxidant protection from free radicals that may cause premature aging and helps to support the antioxidant action of vitamins C & E. It also helps the body metabolize sugar, primarily in muscle cells, where it is used for energy....provide[s] antioxidant protection for the entire cell.

The undersigned certifies that the information contained in this notice is complete and accurate and that Rexall has substantiation that the statement is truthful and not misleading. Pursuant to § 101.93 (a)(1), two copies of this notification are enclosed.

Cordially,

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Enclosures

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