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Regulatory Information & Documents

> Subject – STATEMENT REGARDING THE NON-USE OF PLASTICIZERS DEHP (Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate and DINP (Diisononyl phthalate) IN EMPTY HARD CAPSULES

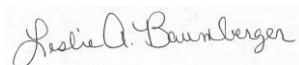
Referring to the recent incident reported by the Taiwan Health Authority (TFDA), the possibility was raised of Di-Ethyl Hexyl Phthalate (DEHP) and Di-IsoNonyl Phthalate (DINP) being added to certain nutritional supplements, vitamins, foods and beverages imported from Taiwan. These chemicals are commonly used as plasticizers for polyvinyl chloride type plastics. While minute quantities of DEHP may be detected in certain food products as a result of leaching from plastic containers, the Taiwanese authorities detected DEHP in various beverages at levels up to 600 ppm.

Empty Hard Capsules (Hard Gelatin Capsules, Vcaps®, Vcaps® Plus, DRcaps™, NPCaps® Capsules) manufactured by Capsugel, do not utilize raw materials containing any of the following plasticizers/phthalates in the manufacture of empty capsules: DEHP, DINP, DNOP, DIDP, DBP, and BBP.

Furthermore, as it relates to the recent food/health supplement contamination in Taiwan, Capsugel does not source any raw materials from Yu Shen Chemical Co., Pin Han Perfumery Co., or Sheng Young Food Industrial Co. Ltd.

As a reliable partner of healthcare industries worldwide, Capsugel continues to deliver compliant products into the market. If you have further questions, please contact me at 864-942-5702 or at leslie.baumberger@capsugel.com.

Best Regards,



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