TO: Joint Committee on Dietary Supplements
FROM: Brian Zamora, Chair of the Joint Committee
DATE: November 13, 2020
SUBJECT: Proposed revision to NSF/ANSI 173 – Dietary Supplements (173i95r1)

Revision 1 of NSF/ANSI 173 issue 95 is being forwarded to the Joint Committee for consideration. Please review the proposal and submit your ballot by December 4, 2020 via the NSF Online Workspace <www.standards.nsf.org>.

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Purpose

The proposed revision will create more consistency within the standard

Background

In section 5.3.3, line 5 and 6 are providing contradictory information about acceptance criteria for P. aeruginosa in finished products containing exactly 50% alcohol.

If you have any questions about the technical content of the ballot, you may contact me in care of:

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5 Product requirements

5.3 Contaminants

5.3.3 Microbiological contaminants

Dietary ingredients shall not contain aflatoxins at levels > 20 ppb and shall not contain microorganisms in quantities greater than permitted in Tables 5.1 and 5.2.

Finished products shall not contain aflatoxins at levels > 20 ppb and shall not contain microorganisms in quantities greater than permitted in Tables 5.3 and 5.4.

Finished products in a liquid form with an alcohol content ≤ 50% shall not contain *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

Finished products with an alcohol content ≥ 50% are exempt from microbial testing. Products containing probiotic bacteria are exempt from total aerobic microbial count and the limits in Tables 5.1 and 5.3.

Products containing probiotic yeast or mold are exempt from total combined yeast mold count and the limits in Tables 5.1 and 5.3.

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