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MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Joint Committee on Dietary Supplements

**FROM:** Brian Zamora, Chair of the Joint Committee

**DATE:** June 30, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Proposed revision to NSF/ANSI 173 – *Dietary Supplements* (173i67r1)

Revision 1 of NSF/ANSI 173, issue 67 is being forwarded to the Joint Committee for consideration. Please review the proposal and **submit your ballot by July 21, 2020** via the NSF Online Workspace <[www.standards.nsf.org](http://www.standards.nsf.org)>.

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**Purpose**

The proposed revision will simplify Section 5.3.5 and remove the adulterants list.

**Background**

Section 5.3.5 Known adulterants lists a few botanical species and notes that the list is not intended to be exhaustive. It was originally proposed that the existing list be expanded to include other known adulterants as identified by the American Herbal Products Association (AHPA) guidance policy on this topic and other references as may be appropriate but after the task group met they decided to take a simpler approach and remove the list.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Zamora".

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## 2 Normative references

The following documents contain provisions that, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this Standard. At the time this Standard was written, the editions indicated were valid. All documents are subject to revision, and parties are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the document indicated below.

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ABC/AHP/NCNPR, *Botanical Adulterants Prevention Program*<sup>4,5,6</sup>

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## 5 Product requirements

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### 5.3 Contaminants

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<sup>4</sup> American Botanical Council. 6200 Manor Rd, Austin, TX 78723. <[www.abc.herbalgram.org](http://www.abc.herbalgram.org)>

<sup>5</sup> American Herbal Pharmacopoeia (AHP). PO Box 66809, Scotts Valley, CA 95067. <[www.herbal-ahp.org](http://www.herbal-ahp.org)>

<sup>6</sup> National Center for Natural Products Research. University of Mississippi, 1558 University Circle, University, MS 38677. <<https://pharmacy.olemiss.edu/ncnpr/>>

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### 5.3.5 Known adulterants

~~Products shall be evaluated to ensure that they do not contain known adulterants including, but not limited to, the following:~~

- ~~— *Eleutherococcus senticosus* shall not contain *Periploca sepium*;~~
- ~~— *Plantago lanceolata* shall not contain *Digitalis lanata*; and~~
- ~~— *Scutellaria lateriflora* shall not contain *Teucrium chamaedrys*.~~

Products and their components shall have specifications to ensure that they do not contain contaminants that result in an adulterated finished product. Manufacturers shall consult sources of information on known adulterants or official compendia or other authoritative references, to set appropriate specifications.

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