Analysis of Proposed Consent Order to Aid Public Comment In the Matter of Nutramax Laboratories, Inc. File No. 032 3052

The Federal Trade Commission has accepted, subject to final approval, an agreement containing a consent order from Nutramax Laboratories, Inc. ("Nutramax").

The proposed consent order has been placed on the public record for thirty (30) days for receipt of comments by interested persons. Comments received during this period will become part of the public record. After thirty (30) days, the Commission will again review the agreement and the comments received, and will decide whether it should withdraw from the agreement or make final the agreement's proposed order.

This matter involves the advertising and promotion of Senior Moment, a dietary supplement containing cerebral phospholipids and docosahexaenoic acid (DHA). According to the FTC complaint, Nutramax represented that Senior Moment prevents memory loss and restores lost memory function in adults of all ages. The complaint alleges that the company failed to have substantiation for these claims. It further alleges that Nutramax falsely represented that scientific studies prove that Senior Moment restores lost memory function in adults of all ages.

The proposed consent order contains provisions designed to prevent Nutramax from engaging in similar acts and practices in the future.

Part I of the order requires Nutramax to have competent and reliable scientific evidence substantiating any claims that Senior Moment or any substantially similar product prevents memory loss or restores lost memory function.

Part II requires Nutramax to have competent and reliable scientific evidence substantiating any claims about the benefits, performance or efficacy of any food, drug, dietary supplement, device or service sold for human use or consumption for cognitive functions or processes, or the treatment, cure, mitigation, alleviation of the symptoms, prevention, or reduction in the risk of any related disease or disorder. Although the order does not prohibit the trade name "Senior Moment," it does require the respondent to have competent and reliable scientific evidence to substantiate any covered claims conveyed directly or by implication through the use of the product name.

Part III prohibits any misrepresentation of the existence, contents, validity, results, conclusions, or interpretations of any test or study, in connection with the marketing or sale of any product or program for human cognitive function or processes.

Part IV permits any representation for any product that is permitted in labeling for such product pursuant to regulations promulgated by FDA pursuant to the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act of 1990.

Parts V through VIII of the order require Nutramax to keep copies of relevant advertisements and materials substantiating claims made in the advertisements; to provide copies of the order to

certain of its personnel; to notify the Commission of changes in corporate structure; and to file compliance reports with the Commission. Part IX provides that the order will terminate after twenty (20) years under certain circumstances.

The purpose of this analysis is to facilitate public comment on the proposed order, and it is not intended to constitute an official interpretation of the agreement and proposed order or to modify in any way their terms.