

OPINION OF AN EXPERT PANEL ON THE GENERALLY RECOGNIZED AS SAFE (GRAS) STATUS OF SUPER CITRIMAX® AS A FLAVORING AGENT

The undersigned, an independent panel of recognized experts (hereinafter referred to as the Expert Panel)¹, qualified by their scientific training and relevant national and international experience to evaluate the safety of food and food ingredients, was convened by Burdock Group at the request of InterHealth Nutraceuticals Inc., USA, to determine the Generally Recognized As Safe (GRAS) status of Super CitriMax®, derived from *Citrus cambogia*, as a flavoring agent (flavor enhancer) [21 CFR 170.3(o)(11)] at levels up to 5000 ppm in non-alcoholic beverages [21 CFR 170.3(n)(3)]. Super CitriMax® is a purified calcium/potassium salt of (-)-hydroxycitric acid. A comprehensive search of the scientific literature for safety and toxicity information on *C. cambogia* and the principle constituent of Super CitriMax® [i.e. (-)-hydroxycitric acid] was conducted through May 2003 by Burdock Group and made available to the Expert Panel. The Expert Panel independently and critically evaluated materials submitted by InterHealth Nutraceuticals Inc., USA and other materials deemed appropriate or necessary.

Following an independent, critical evaluation of the data and information, the Expert Panel concluded that Super CitriMax®, meeting appropriate food grade specifications and manufactured and used in compliance with current Good Manufacturing Practice, is "Generally Recognized As Safe" (GRAS), based on scientific procedures for the conditions of intended use described herein.

¹Modeled after that described in section 201(s) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, As Amended. See also attachments (curriculum vitae) documenting the expertise of the Panel members.