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CRN WELCOMES GMP FINAL RULE

WASHINGTON, D.C., *June 22, 2007* — The Council for Responsible Nutrition (CRN), the dietary supplement industry's leading trade association, today commended the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for publishing the final rule on good manufacturing practices (GMPs) for dietary supplements, noting the association's appreciation that the long-awaited rule has been completed.

According to Steve Mister, president and CEO of CRN, "We are optimistic that these new dietary supplement GMPs will enhance consumer confidence in these popular products by raising the bar on production standards, helping ensure quality, and leveling the playing field for all dietary supplement companies. We've waited a long time for this new rule to be published. We applaud FDA for bringing closure to this long, arduous process. We are now eager to dive into the details of this important regulation to determine both its appropriateness for our industry and to determine how companies can best implement it."

CRN noted that due to the breadth of this new regulation, it would take several days, at minimum, to truly digest the rule and be in a position to make meaningful comments.

"I'm sure we won't agree with everything in the rule, but we are pleased that the new GMPs are here as it's a step forward for our industry. It's our job now to thoroughly review the rule and work with companies to explain these standards and to ensure its details are understood and complied with fully. We look forward to partnering with FDA on this education process," said Mr. Mister.

The final rule goes into effect one year from publication date for large companies (defined as 500 or more employees) and two years from publication for small companies (defined as less than 500 employees) and very small companies (defined as less than 20 employees) will have three years. Until the rule goes into effect, dietary supplement companies must continue to adhere to current good manufacturing practices for food.

In partnership with Virgo Publishing, Inc., CRN is offering an educational webinar for supplement industry executives and attorneys and other consultants affiliated with this industry. More information will be posted next week on CRN's Web site and via Nutrilearn.com, Virgo's online training and education Web site.

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Note to Editor: The Council for Responsible Nutrition (CRN), founded in 1973, is a Washington, D.C.-based trade association representing dietary supplement industry ingredient suppliers and manufacturers. CRN members adhere to a strong code of ethics and manufacture dietary supplements to high quality standards under good manufacturing practices.