



Rosemary extracts to receive antioxidant status

Avignon, FRANCE – June, 30th 2008 – Naturex is pleased to forward the attached press release circulated today. Issued by Naturex and the two other main European rosemary extracts manufacturers, it welcomes the recent opinion issued by the European Food Safety Authority (E.F.S.A.) regarding the safety of the use of rosemary extracts as a food additive (antioxidant), which it is now hoped will pave the way for their soon formal approval and adoption into food additives legislation.

This opinion celebrates our efforts spent over the past 11 years and is a major step for this market. Indeed, it considerably expands business opportunities for rosemary extracts in new applications and in the states where they were previously limited by this regulatory issue.

Although the market for rosemary extracts was already healthy, Naturex is now in position to achieve the true market potential for its rosemary extracts thanks to this regulatory update. Naturex's expertise in formulation, application, and new-product development is backed by experienced technical service and in-depth scientific support. Thanks to an in-house food laboratory and a partnership with a fully equipped meat pilot plant, test kitchen and food application Lab based in Florida (USA), Naturex has tailor-made rosemary extracts for a broad range of food applications. Additionally, Naturex has a large Moroccan facility close to abundant fields of rosemary, allowing significant logistics cost saving.

About our company

Naturex develops, manufactures and markets natural ingredients for the food, dietary supplement and nutraceutical, pharmaceutical, and cosmetic industries. Headquartered in Avignon, France, the group employs 550 people and has an international reach, with over 90% of its sales generated in 30 different countries outside France, 60% of which in North America. Naturex has production facilities in France, Morocco, the United States and Italy, a subsidiary in the United Kingdom, and a representative office in Singapore. and a representative office in Singapore.

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