# Did you purchase Glucosamine Sulfate after May 6, 2004? If so, your rights are affected by a class action

# WHAT IS A CLASS ACTION?

A class action is a lawsuit filed by a person on behalf of a large group of people with the same or similar legal claims.

# WHAT IS THIS CLASS ACTION ABOUT?

A national class action has been certified against Jamieson Laboratories Ltd., WN Pharmaceuticals Ltd., and Natural Factors Nutritional Products Limited (the "Manufacturers") in respect of product being manufactured and sold as containing "glucosamine sulfate", "glucosamine sulfate potassium chloride", "glucosamine sulfate KCL", and "glucosamine sulfate  $\blacklozenge$  KCL" (collectively, "Glucosamine Sulfate").

It is alleged that the Manufacturers manufactured and sold supplements labelled as containing Glucosamine Sulfate when, in reality, they did not contain any Glucosamine Sulfate. The class action alleges the Manufacturers engaged in negligent misrepresentation, contravened the *Competition Act* prohibiting false and misleading representations, and contravened provincial consumer protection legislation.

The allegations have not been proven. If you do nothing, your legal rights will be affected.

# AM I A CLASS MEMBER?

You may be a member of the class action if, for purposes that were primarily personal, family, or household, you purchased Glucosamine Sulfate after May 6, 2004.

If you are a resident of Manitoba, your claim may be different.

# WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOTHING?

If you do nothing, you automatically become a class member and you cannot sue the Manufacturers for these claims separately. You will be bound by the result in the class action, whether it is successful or unsuccessful. If the claim succeeds, you may be able to make a claim from any funds recovered.

# AM I ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE MONEY

There is no plan to distribute funds to class members at this time. However, you should keep any receipts or other records you have.

# WHAT IF I DON'T WANT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CLASS ACTION?

If you do not want to participate in the class action, you must opt out. By opting out, you will not be bound by the results of the class action and you will not be able to make a claim on any money that results from the class action.

If you do not opt out, you will be bound and you will not be able to be part of any other lawsuit against the Manufacturers in the future in respect of the same issues.

**The opt out deadline is May 5, 2025**. To opt out, you must send a written request to class counsel to notify them before the deadline. Class counsel's contact information is below.

#### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The class action is not over. The next step is a trial where the Court will decide whether the allegations are true.

If the class action succeeds, notice will be distributed, the Court will decide what steps (if any) are required to prove your individual claim, the Court will appoint a claims administrator who can help you make a claim, and class counsel will seek court approval of its legal fees, plus expenses incurred in pursuing the class action.

Contact the lawyers below to make sure you are on the mailing list for future notices in the class action.

# **RESIDENTS OF MANITOBA**

Residents of Manitoba that purchased a product labelled as containing Glucosamine Sulfate before August 23, 2013, should register on the website below. Go to the website and click "Join Mailing List" to register. Manitoba's *Limitation of Actions Act* may require additional steps to preserve your claim. Register now so that we can advise you of your rights.

# WHO AM I REPRESENTED BY?

You are represented by:

- Bennett Mounteer LLP;
- Burnet, Duckworth & Palmer LLP; and
- CFM Lawyers LLP.

For more information or to register with class counsel:

- Visit glucosamineclassaction.com;
- Email service@cfmlawyers.ca; or
- Call 1-800-689-2322 (toll-free).