



Lawsuit accuses sports supplement manufacturers of packing their products with banned steroids

Popular drugs sold on Internet in violation of FDA regulations

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, USA, August 30, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A pair of false advertising lawsuits complain that sports supplements "Wicked Anabolic" and "Tri-Ton" contain synthetic steroids banned by the FDA.

Phoenix, Ariz. supplement distributor Athletic Xtreme – makers of Mass FX Black – filed lawsuits alleging unfair competition due to the inclusion of andarine and ostarine: selective androgen receptor modulators (SARMs) that can cause liver failure, heart attacks, strokes and death.

Federal complaints were filed in U.S. district courts on Aug. 17 against Dynamic Technical Formulations (DTF) of Roswell, Ga., which makes Tri-Ton, and on Aug. 22 against Wicked Nutrition Labs of Lake Oswego, Ore., makers of Wicked Anabolic. Both companies sell their products online to bodybuilders and athletes.

"Users of the SARMs products have little incentive to use a natural product like Mass FX Black until they are hurt or the product is taken off the shelves," says the complaint, filed by attorney Robert Tauler of [Tauler Smith in Los Angeles](#), a specialist in using the civil courts to take down domestic supplement manufacturers who sell harmful and banned substances.

"These manufacturers are putting the public's health at risk with every bottle that is sold," Tauler adds. "People need to know the dangers of what they are ingesting and none of this information is contained in the defendants' advertising materials, their websites or on the products themselves."

Both DTF and Wicked Nutrition give the supplement industry a black eye and disparage Athletic Xtreme's business, the complaint says.

Wicked claims in its advertising that its supplements "provide the benefits of traditional anabolic/androgenic steroids such as testosterone, including increased muscle mass, fat loss and bone density to just name a few, without all the harmful side effects."

[Tri-Ton was recalled in May](#) after an FDA lab found that the product contained steroids. It had been sold during the previous year with claims that the product was a "physique enhancing agent" and "great for fat loss, strength and recomposition."

The nutritional supplement industry is one of the fastest growing and most lucrative in the United States. Forbes estimates that nutritional supplement sales accounted for \$32 billion in revenue in 2012 and predicts this number will grow to \$60 billion within 10 years. The growth and size of the nutritional supplement market and the relatively low barriers to entry provide perverse incentives for unfair competition prohibited by law.

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