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# **Independent Review Board Finds Claims that Skechers Shape-ups Tone Muscles, Improve Posture and Promote Weight Loss Are Substantiated by Science**

Board Says that Shape-ups Advertising Claims Are Accurate, Truthful and "Prepared with a Due Sense of Social Responsibility to Consumers and Society"

The United States Patent and Trademark Office Issues Skechers a Utility Patent on the Unique Shape-ups Midsole Technology

MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- SKECHERS USA, Inc. (NYSE:SKX), announced today that an independent review Board said that Skechers Shape-ups advertising claims are accurate, truthful and "prepared with a due sense of social responsibility to consumers and society."

In a related development, Skechers further announced today that the United States Patent and Trademark Office this week issued Skechers a utility patent on its unique Shape-ups midsole technology, the part of the shoe which is key to imparting fitness benefits to users, including "muscle strengthening and toning, better posture, improved cardiovascular health, less stress on joints, and improved circulation." (U.S. Patent No. 7,779,557).

On August 10, 2010, the New Zealand Advertising Standards Authority ("ASA") ruled that "the claims in the [Shape-ups] advertisement regarding muscle tone, posture and weight loss had been substantiated by [Skechers] and therefore were not likely to mislead or deceive consumers."

This is the second time in recent months that independent panels have made favorable rulings relating to the claims that Shape-ups tone muscle, improve posture and promote weight loss. Earlier this year, Australia's independent Therapeutic Products Complaints Resolution Panel (CRP) dismissed complaints by two competitors of Skechers who alleged that Shape-ups did not provide the benefits of weight loss, muscle toning and improved posture.

The Australian CRP stated that Skechers "provided a substantial amount of evidence in support of the claims" that Shape-ups promote weight loss, tone muscles and improve posture and found that Skechers' competitors failed to provide any argument or evidence to challenge Skechers' claims.

"We're not the least bit surprised by these decisions, which we feel confirm what we have been saying all along - that the facts and science support Skechers' claims and are largely responsible for the success of Shape-ups," said Leonard Armato, President of Skechers Fitness Division.

In the most recent ruling, the New Zealand ASA reviewed four separate studies done on Shape-ups, two conducted by Dr. Steven Gautreau, D.C.; one by a major Southern California Hospital; and another by Juntendo University in Japan. The ASA also reviewed a separate report prepared by Kendle Pty. Ltd., a biopharmaceutical research organization which independently evaluated the Shape-ups claims and the four studies used to support those claims.

"In recent weeks, Shape-ups have been the subject of a scientifically worthless report claiming to be a 'study' and questioning our advertising claims for Shape-ups without providing any raw data," Armato said. "The report was also referenced in misleading and biased news coverage. These recent decisions go a long way toward answering the critics. While we are happy to address any complaints raised in the future, we will aggressively defend the integrity of this great product from baseless complaints and junk science attacks."

Armato continued: "Shape-ups advertising claims are substantiated by solid scientific testing, but the best substantiation is the sheer popularity of the shoe. Skechers has received literally thousands of unsolicited testimonials from customers praising Shape-ups and saying that they received the benefits claimed."

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