CERTIFICATION OF CLAIM

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Claim and Footnote (nb: references to "Claim" include the Consumer Health edition 2023).

Original in English:

Claim: "VitaminLife, the brand N° 1 in Chile in Vitamins and Dietary Supplements".

Footnote: "Source Euromonitor International Limited; all retail/off-trade channels; per Euromonitor International's definition of global category name classifications; Retail total RSP vitamins and dietary supplements sales. Vitamins and Dietary Supplements is the aggregation of Dietary Supplements, Vitamins, Paediatric Vitamins and Dietary Supplements, and Tonics. Passport Consumer Health edition 2023, 2022 data."

Footnote version 2: "Source: Euromonitor, Consumer Health 2023 edition. Vitamins and Dietary Supplements retail value sales, 2022 data."

Translation into Spanish:

Afirmación: "VitaminLife, la marca N° 1 de Chile en Vitaminas y Suplementos Alimenticios".

Nota: "Fuente Euromonitor International Ltda todos los canales retail / off-trade; según la definición de Euromonitor International de clasificaciones de nombres de categorías globales; Ventas retail totales de vitaminas y suplementos alimenticios precio final al consumidor. Vitaminas y Suplementos Alimenticios es la agregación de suplementos alimenticios, vitaminas, vitaminas y suplementos alimenticios pediátricos y tónicos. Passport Consumer Health edición 2023, datos 2022".

Nota versión 2: : "Fuente: Euromonitor, Consumer Health edición 2023. Ventas Vitaminas y Suplementos Alimenticios en valor en canal retail, datos 2022."

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4. This Claim is based on research conducted from April to June 2022 for Euromonitor's Consumer Health 2023 edition, published September/2022 and it must be read in the context of the detailed category and channel definitions, and the in-depth explanation of Euromonitor's research methodology, contained in the attachments enclosed.

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Please confirm your acceptance of these Conditions of use of the Claim by signing and dating this Certification and returning it to your Account Manager by email as a PDF. This Certification will then be countersigned and dated by Euromonitor and then sent to you also by email as a PDF. The Certification will take effect on the date on which Euromonitor countersigns this Certification. Also, you will be deemed to have accepted them if you make any use of the Claim.

Yours sincerely

Countersigned by

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Euromonitor International Ltd

Date of countersignature:

Attachments:

Category definitions
Channel definitions
Research methodology

CATEGORY DEFINITIONS

Vitamins and Dietary Supplements
It is the aggregation of Dietary Supplements, Vitamins, Paediatric Vitamins and Dietary Supplements, and Tonics.

Dietary Supplements
It is the aggregation of all dietary supplements: Minerals, fish oils/omega fatty acids, garlic, ginseng, ginkgo biloba, evening primrose oil, Echinacea, St John's Wort, protein supplements, probiotic supplements, eye health supplements, co-enzyme Q10, glucosamine, combination herbal/traditional supplements, non-herbal/traditional supplements, and all other dietary supplements specific to country coverage.

Vitamins
This is the aggregation of multivitamins and single vitamins.

Multivitamins
Includes multivitamins (combination of essential vitamins and minerals), to provide a convenient way to take a variety of supplemental nutrients from a single product, to prevent deficiencies, or boost nutrient intake above typical dietary levels. Include multivitamins made from whole foods. Exclude combinations of a multivitamin with other dietary supplements such as probiotics, omega fatty acids or ginseng, tracked in the category of combination dietary supplements.

Single Vitamins
This is the aggregation of all single vitamins. Single vitamins (A, B, B-complex, C, D, and E) taken for the prevention and treatment of nutritional deficiencies. Sales figures are reported according to availability per country. Other single vitamins include vitamin K.

Vitamin A
Fat-soluble vitamin consumed for vision, bone, and tooth development. Sales may be restricted in some countries. Exclude beta carotene.

Vitamin B
Water-soluble vitamins that affect growth, stimulate appetite, and ensure blood health. It is taken as a supplement to prevent anaemia. Include vitamin-B complex and folic acid.

Vitamin C
Ascorbic acid needed to support body tissues. Taken as a supplement to support the immune system and ward off colds and flus.

Vitamin D
Fat-soluble vitamin that is essential for bone development and calcium absorption. The combination of vitamin D and calcium is tracked as calcium supplement.

Vitamin E
Fat-soluble vitamin used for the immune system and blood health.

Other Single Vitamins
Includes all single vitamins like vitamin K, except A, B, C, D, E.

Paediatric Vitamins and Dietary Supplements
All vitamin and dietary supplement products formulated, designed, marketed and labelled specifically for children.

Dietary Supplements
It is the aggregation of all dietary supplements: Minerals, fish oils/omega fatty acids, garlic, ginseng, ginkgo biloba, evening primrose oil, Echinacea, St John's Wort, protein supplements, probiotic supplements, eye health supplements, co-enzyme Q10, glucosamine, combination herbal/traditional

supplements, non-herbal/traditional supplements, and all other dietary supplements specific to country coverage.

Tonics

Include versions of combination dietary supplements that are sold in the format of liquid concentrates, mini-drinks, shots or oral gels. Include concentrated energy shot boosters and tonics such as 5-Hour Energy and Lipovitan. Exclude remedies made with active pharmaceutical ingredients as well as super fruit juice concentrates and weight-loss beverages, tracked under the Health and Wellness (HW) system.

CHANNEL DEFINITIONS

- **Store-Based Retailing**
  Store-based retailing is the aggregation of grocery retailers and non-grocery specialists and mixed retailers.
- **Grocery Retailers**
  Retailers selling predominantly food/beverages/tobacco and other everyday groceries. This is the aggregation of hypermarkets, supermarkets, discounters, convenience stores, independent small grocers, forecourt retailers, food/drink/tobacco specialists and other grocery retailers.
- **Modern Grocery Retailers**
  Modern grocery retailing is the aggregation of those grocery channels that have emerged alongside the growth of chained retail: Hypermarkets, Supermarkets, Discounters, Forecourt Retailers and Convenience Stores.
- **Convenience Stores**
  Chained grocery retail outlets selling a wide range of groceries and fitting several of the following characteristics: Extended opening hours •Selling area of less than 400 sq metres •Located in residential neighbourhoods •Handling two or more of the following product categories: audio-visual goods (for sale or rent), foodservice (prepared take-away, made-to-order, and hot foods), newspapers or magazines, cut flowers or pot plants, greetings cards, automotive accessories. Example brands include 7-Eleven, Spar.
- **Discounters**
  Discounters are retail outlets typically with a selling space of between 400 and 2,500 square metres. Retailers' primary focus is on selling private label products within a limited range of food/beverages/tobacco and other groceries at budget prices. Discounters may also sell a selection of non-groceries, frequently as short-term special offers. Discounters can be classified as hard discounters and soft discounters. Hard discounter: first introduced by Aldi in Germany, and also known as limited-line discounters. Retail outlets, typically of 300-900 square metres, stocking fewer than 1,000 product lines, largely in packaged groceries. Goods are mainly private-label or budget brands. Soft discounter: usually slightly larger than hard discounters, and also known as extended-range discounters. Retail outlets typically stocking 1,000-4,000 product lines. As well as private-label and budget brands, stores commonly carry leading brands at discounted prices. Discounters excludes mass merchandisers and warehouse clubs. Example brands include Aldi, Lidl, Plus, Penny, Netto.
- **Forecourt Retailers**
  Grocery retail outlets selling a wide range of groceries from a gas station forecourt and fitting several of the following characteristics: • Extended opening hours • Selling area of less than 400 sq metres • Handling two or more of the following product categories: audio-visual goods (for sale or rent), take-away food (ready made sandwiches, rolls or hot food), newspapers or magazines, cut flowers or pot plants, greetings cards, automotive accessories. Example brands include BP Connect, Shell Select. Forecourt retailers includes both chained forecourt retailers and independent forecourt retailers.
- **Hypermarkets**
  Hypermarkets are retail outlets with a selling space of over 2,500 square metres and with a primary focus on selling food/beverages/tobacco and other groceries. Hypermarkets also sell a range of non-grocery merchandise. Hypermarkets are frequently located on out-of-town sites or as the anchor store in a shopping centre. Example brands include Carrefour, Tesco Extra, Géant, E Leclerc, Intermarché, Auchan. Excludes cash and carry, warehouse clubs and mass merchandisers.
- **Supermarkets**
  Retail outlets selling groceries with a selling space of between 400 and 2,500 square metres. Excludes discounters, convenience stores and independent grocery stores. Example brands include Champion, Tesco, Casino.
- **Traditional Grocery Retailers**
  Traditional grocery retailing is the aggregation of those channels that are invariably non-chained and are, therefore, owned by families and/or run on an individual basis. Traditional grocery retailing is the aggregation of three channels: Independent Small Grocers, Food/Drink/Tobacco Specialists and Other Grocery Retailers.
- **Other Grocery Retailers**

Other retailers selling predominantly food, beverages and tobacco or a combination of these. Includes kiosks, markets selling predominantly groceries. Includes CTNs and health food stores, Food & drink souvenir stores and regional speciality stores. Sari-Sari stores in Philippines and Warung (Waroon) in Indonesia, that can either be markets or kiosks, are included in Other grocery retailers unless they occupy a separate permanent outlet building, in which case they are included in Independent small grocers. Outlets located within wet markets, particularly in South East Asia (often located in government-owned multi-story buildings) should be counted as separate outlets.

- **Healthfood shops**
  Retail outlet specialising in dietetic, organic products and herbal/traditional remedies. Healthfood shops often offer nutritional supplements, such as vitamins and minerals, along with herbal/traditional remedies. Some outlets will also sell sport nutrition and slimming products. These stores should not be confused with VDS specialists as they will sell big proportion of food products.
- **Other Other Grocery Retailers**
  All other grocery retailers not tracked anywhere else.
- **Mixed Retailers**
  This is the aggregation of department stores, variety stores, mass merchandisers and warehouse clubs.
- **Department Stores**
  Outlets selling mainly non-grocery merchandise and at least five lines in different departments, usually with a sales area of over 2,500 sq metres. They are usually arranged over several floors. Example brands include Macy's, Bloomingdale's, Marks & Spencer, Harrods, Sears, JC Penney, Takashimaya, Mitsukoshi, Daimaru, Karstadt, Rinascente.
- **Mass Merchandisers**
  Mixed retail outlets that usually: (1) convey the image of a high-volume, fast-turnover outlet selling a variety of merchandise for less than conventional prices; (2) provide centralised check-out service; and (3) provide minimal customer assistance within each department. Example brands include Wal-Mart, Target and Kmart. Excludes hypermarkets and warehouse clubs/cash and carry stores.
- **Variety Stores**
  Non-grocery general merchandise outlets usually located on one floor, offering a wide assortment of extensively discounted fast-moving consumer goods on a self-service basis. Normally over 1,500 sq metres in size, except in the case of dollar stores, these outlets give priority to fast-moving non-grocery items that have long shelf-lives. Includes catalogue showrooms and dollar stores. Example brands include Woolworth (Germany), Upim (Italy).
- **Warehouse Clubs**
  Warehouse Clubs are chained outlets that sell a wide variety of merchandise, but do have a strong mix of both grocery and non-grocery products. Customers have to pay an annual membership fee in order to shop. The clubs are able to keep prices low due to the no-frills format of the stores and attempt to drive volume sales through aggressive pricing techniques. Warehouse Clubs typically: - exceed 2,500 sq metres of selling space and are invariably -over 4,000 sq metres in size; - convey the image of a high-volume, fast-turnover retailing at less than conventional prices; - provide minimal customer assistance within each department; and - are situated in out-of-town locations. Example brands include: - Costco - Sam's Club (Wal-Mart) - PriceSmart - Cost-U-Less
- **Non-Grocery Specialists**
  Retail outlets selling predominantly non-grocery consumer goods. Non-grocery retailers is the aggregation of: • Apparel and footwear specialist retailers • Electronics and appliance specialist retailers • Health & beauty specialist retailers • Home and garden specialist retailers • Leisure and personal goods specialist retailers • Other non-grocery retailers
- **Health and Beauty Specialist Retailers**
  This is the aggregation of chemists/pharmacies, drugstores/parapharmacies, beauty specialist retailers, optical goods stores and other healthcare specialist retailers.
- **Beauty Specialist Retailers**
  Beauty specialist retailers are chained or independent retail outlets with a primary focus on selling fragrances, other cosmetics and toiletries, beauty accessories or a combination of these. Examples of Beauty specialist retailer brands include: Body Shop, Marionnaud, Sephora and Bath and Body Works.

- **Chemists/Pharmacies**
  Retail outlets selling prescription-bound medicines under the supervision of a pharmacist and as its core activity (other activities include sales of OTC healthcare and cosmetics and toiletries products).
- **Optical Goods Stores**
  Optical Goods Stores are stores selling prescription or non-prescription spectacles, contact lenses or sunglasses.
- **Drugstores/parapharmacies**
  Retail outlets selling mainly OTC healthcare, cosmetics and toiletries, disposable paper products, household care products and other general merchandise. Such outlets may also offer prescription-bound medicines under the supervision of a pharmacist. Drugstores in Spain (Droguerias) also sell household cleaning agents, paint, DIY products and sometimes pet products and services such as photo processing. Example brands include Rossmann (Germany), Kruidvat (Netherlands), Walgreen's (US), CVS (US), Medicine Shoppe (US), Matsumoto Kiyoshi (Japan), HAC Kimisawa (Japan).
- **Vitamins and Dietary Supplements Specialist Retailers**
  Vitamins and dietary supplements specialist retailers are chained or independent retail outlets with a primary focus on selling nutritional supplements and/or homeopathic remedies. They typically position themselves as being an alternative medicine store or a sports nutrition and performance store. The majority of sales come from the sale of vitamins and supplements as opposed to food.
- **Other Non-Grocery Specialists**
  Other non-grocery retailers are chained or independent retail outlets, kiosks, market stalls or street vendors and with a primary focus on selling non-food merchandise. Other non-grocery retailers include Charity shops, Second-hand shops and Market stalls.
- **Non-Store Retailing**
  The retail sale of new and used goods to the general public for personal or household consumption from locations other than retail outlets or market stalls. Non-store retailing is the aggregation of Vending, Direct Selling, Homeshopping and Internet Retailing.
- **Vending**
  Vending means automatic retailing. It covers the sale of products and services at an unattended point of sale through a machine operated by introducing coins, bank notes, payment cards, tokens or other means of cashless payment. Coverage includes vending systems installed in public and semi-captive environments only. Hotels, transport networks, recreational centres, shopping centres/malls are included. Factories, offices, hospitals, prisons, schools and other captive environments are excluded.
- **Homeshopping**
  Homeshopping is the sale of consumer goods to the general public via mail order catalogues, TV shopping and direct mail. Consumers purchase goods in direct response to an advertisement or promotion through a mail item, printed catalogue, TV shopping programme, or Internet catalogue whereby the order is placed and payment is made by phone, by post or through other media such as digital TV. Excludes sales on returned products/unpaid invoices. Excludes sales ordered and paid online which are instead included within Internet retailing.
- **E-Commerce**
  Sales of consumer goods to the general public via the Internet. Please note that this includes sales through mobile phones and tablets. Internet retailing includes sales generated through pure e-commerce web sites and through sites operated by store-based retailers. Sales data is attributed to the country where the consumer is based, rather than where the retailer is based. Also includes orders placed through the web for which payment is then made through a storecard, an online credit account subsequent to delivery or on delivery of the product. This payment may be by any mode of payment including postal cheque, direct debit, standing order or other banking tools. Includes orders paid for cash on delivery. Includes m-commerce: where consumers use smart phones or tablets to connect to Internet and purchase the goods online.
- **Direct Selling**
  Direct selling is the marketing of consumer goods directly to consumers, generally in their homes or the homes of others, at their workplace and other places away from permanent retail locations. Direct selling occurs in two primary ways: one-to-one basis (usually by prior

arrangement a demonstration is given by a direct seller to a customer) or party-plan basis (selling through explanation and demonstration of products to a group of prospective customers by a direct seller usually in the home of a host(ess) who invites other persons for this purpose).

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Global insight and local knowledge
With 40 years' experience of developed and emerging markets, Euromonitor International's research method is built on a unique combination of specialist industry knowledge and in-country research expertise.

This approach is what enables us to achieve our goal of building a market consensus view of size, shape and trends across the full distribution universe of each category. We factor in whichever channels are relevant, from large-scale grocery to direct sellers, from discount stores to local mom-and-pop outlets.

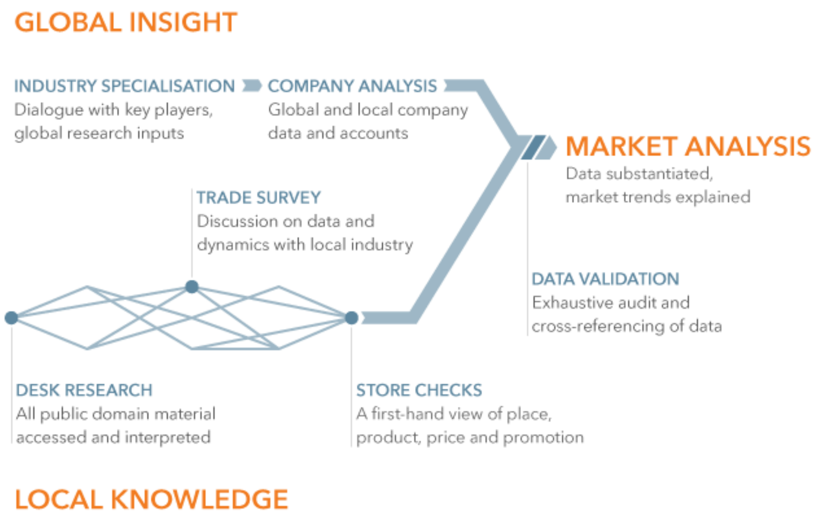
Industry specialists
Each industry we cover is managed by an Industry Manager and team of Industry Analysts who research and report on their specialist categories all year round.

Our collaborative approach to research means that these industry teams are in constant dialogue with industry players and opinion formers. The planning of our research programmes reflects latest market trends and industry events. In completing each update project, this provides invaluable input to the testing, review and finalisation of our data.

The specialist in-house teams bring together findings from all stages of the annual research process. They work closely with in-country analysts, assess and challenge data and exercise final editorial control over the publication of new data and analysis.

Country and regional analysts
Our in-country analyst network is managed by country and regional analysts in our offices around the world. Working closely with each in-country team, the regional research management team ensures that all country researchers are well schooled in best practices, from the information collected in store checks, to the dialogue we build in trade surveys. Our country analysts ensure that national reports explain the data trends and provide clear insights into the local market's dynamics.

In-country research network
To deliver fresh insights every year in countries all around the world, we believe the strongest approach is to use analysts on the ground. They bring fluency in local language, physical proximity to the best sources, an ability to engage directly with local industry contacts, and an awareness of how the products and services we study are advertised, sold and consumed. These are essential parts of our ability to report incisively on these markets.



Our research methods

Each Euromonitor International industry report is based on a core set of research techniques:

Desk research
With industry events, corporate activity, trends and new product introductions tracked year round by our industry team, desk research provides a starting point for the in-country research programme. Our in-country researchers will access the following sources:

- National statistics offices governmental and official sources
- National and international trade press
- National and international trade associations
- Industry study groups and other semi-official sources
- Company financials and annual reports
- Broker reports
- Online databases
- The financial, business and mainstream press

Accessing sources is only the first step. The ability to interpret and reconcile often conflicting information across multiple sources is a key aspect of the added value we provide.

Store checks
Store checks are an integral part of our methods for product industries. Carried out on the ground across a relevant mix of channels, the information gained provides first-hand insights into the products we are researching, specifically:

- Place: We track products in all relevant channels, selective and mass, store and non-store
- Product: What are innovations in products, pack sizes and formats?
- Price: What are brand price variations across channels, how do private label's prices compare to those of branded goods?
- Promotion: What are marketing and merchandising trends, offers, discounts and tie-ins?

Findings are cross-referenced with brand share data analysis. The results, combined with the findings of desk research, provide a strong basis for identifying key areas of questioning to take forward into our trade survey.

Trade survey
Interaction with global players at corporate HQ and regional levels is complemented by unique local data and insights from our in-country trade surveys around the world. Through the high profile of the Euromonitor International brand, we are able to talk directly to a wide range of sources and therefore inform our analysis with the knowledge and opinions of the leading operators in the market.

Trade surveys allow us to:

- Fill gaps in available published data per company
- Generate a consensus view of the size, structure and strategic direction of the category
- Access year-in-progress data where published sources are out of date
- Evaluate the experts' views on current trends and market developments

In building our composite industry view, we engage with a variety of personnel in key players at all points of the supply chain: materials suppliers, manufacturers, distributors, retailers and service operators. We also interview desk research sources: industry associations; study groups; and third party observers from the trade and financial press.

Our objective is to engage in conversation with trade sources in which we exchange ideas and views on the industry, sharing our work-in-progress findings on supply/demand dynamics and potential. This dialogue enhances both parties' understanding of the local market. The scope and reach of our trade survey also serves to eliminate bias (intentional and unintentional) from any single source.

Company analysis
At a global level, our company research combines our mix of industry interaction and use of secondary sources such as annual accounts, broker reports, financial press and databases. From a data perspective, the aim is to build "top-down" estimates of major players' total global and regional sales.

At a country level, in line with local reporting requirements, we access annual accounts, national-specific company databases and local company websites. These are all invaluable sources as we build a view of each domestic player's size and position within very specific categories of the industry.

Forecasts

Data projections and future performance analysis are key elements of Euromonitor International's market intelligence. Working with historic trends of 15 years or more, a key aspect of our trade survey is to engage industry insider views of the next five years. Will volumes maintain their historic trend? Will price increases or falls of recent years continue, accelerate or slow down? Will increasing demand for one product cannibalise sales of another?

Forecasts represent many of the essential conclusions we have reached about the current state of the market, how it works and how it behaves under different macro and micro conditions. Our written analysis will state the assumptions and the trade opinion behind whether our predictions are optimistic or pessimistic, so that clients can use our statistical forecasts with confidence.

Data validation

All data is subjected to an exhaustive review process, at country, regional and global levels.

The interpretation and review of sources and data inputs forms a central part of the collaboration between industry teams and country researchers. Numbers are delivered to regional and global offices with an audit trail of sources and calculations to allow for a thorough evaluation of data sense and integrity.

Upon completion of the country review phase, data is then reviewed on a comparative basis at regional and then at a global level. Comparative checks are carried out on per capita consumption and spending levels, growth rates, patterns of category and subcategory breakdowns and distribution of sales by channel. Top-down estimates are reviewed against bottom-up regional and global market and company sales totals.

Where marked differences are seen between proximate country markets or ones at similar developmental levels, supplementary research is conducted in the relevant countries to confirm and/or amend those findings. This process ensures international comparability across the database, that consistent category and subcategory definitions have been used and that all data has been correctly tested. We make sure that possible discrepancies between different published sources have been reconciled and that our interpretation of opinion and expectation from each country's trade sources has been applied to form a coherent international pattern.

Market analysis

Another integral part of all our research programmes is that all Euromonitor International data is accompanied by clear written analysis. From a research perspective, this explains and substantiates data findings. From a client perspective, this offers unique insights into local consumption trends, routes to market, brand preferences, channel dynamics and future trends.

Our country level analysis also provides invaluable input into the ability of our central industry specialist teams to marry local insights with strategic conclusions on the direction of the market regionally and globally.