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By Edgar

Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporation Finance 450 Fifth Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: United Natural Foods, Inc.

Registration Statement on Form 8-A

File No. 001-15723 Filed March 2, 2000

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

United Natural Foods, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), hereby requests the withdrawal of the above-referenced registration statement relating to its Preferred Shares Purchase Right, including all exhibits thereto, which was erroneously filed under section 12(b) rather than section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). The Company filed a corrected registration statement relating to its Preferred Shares Purchase Right under section 12(g) of the Exchange Act on September 2, 2003 (file number 000-21529).

Should you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please feel free to contact our counsel, Paul V. Rogers of Covington & Burling, at (202) 662-5592.

Sincerely,

/s/ Rick D. Puckett

Rick D. Puckett Chief Financial Officer