

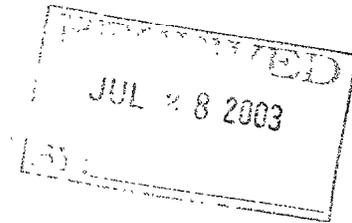


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Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter will serve as a 30-day notification pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 that NBTY Inc. is using the following statements on our Calcium supplements under one or more of the following brand names: American Health, Bioenergy Nutrients, Body Fortress, Good 'N Natural, Health's Finest, Heartland, HealthSmart Vitamins, HealthWatchers, Herbal Authority, Hudson, Life's Finest, Natural Wealth, Nature's Bounty, Nutrition Headquarters, PhysioLogics, Precision Engineered, Puritan's Pride, US Nutrition, and Vitamin World:

- Supports/promotes bone health.
- Calcium is a major mineral essential for proper nutrition.
- Calcium promotes bone strength, but also helps to maintain the health of other vital systems in the body, including the heart, muscles and nerves.
- Some scientific studies indicate that Calcium Citrate may support the health of the colon.

The above statements are accompanied by the required disclaimer pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act.

Sincerely,

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