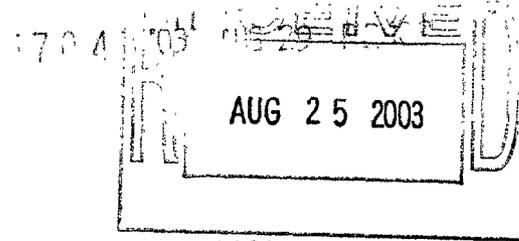




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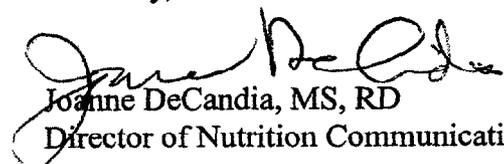
This letter will serve as a 30-day notification pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 that NBTY Inc. is using the following statements on our Chewable Calcium + D supplements under one or more of the following brand names: American Health, Bioenergy Nutrients,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

Ingredients: Vitamin D, Calcium, Phosphorus, Buckwheat, Corn Bran

- Promotes/supports bone health.
- Calcium is the primary mineral responsible for strong bones.
- The body uses Calcium for proper muscle contraction and nerve function.
- Vitamin D assists in Calcium absorption and maintaining a healthy immune system.
- Because the body cannot produce Calcium, a balanced diet, regular exercise, healthy lifestyle choices and adequate intake of Calcium and Vitamin D can play a role in maintaining optimal bone health.

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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Director of Nutrition Communications

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