

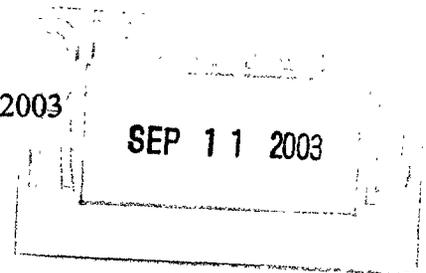


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August 13, 2003



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 statement on our Bones & Joints supplements under the CVS label:

Ingredients: Vitamin C, Vitamin D, Vitamin E, Vitamin K, Calcium, Phosphorus, Zinc, Copper, Manganese, Sodium, Gelatine

- 7 Key Nutrients Help Maintain Healthy Joints and Bones

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

Sincerely,

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