

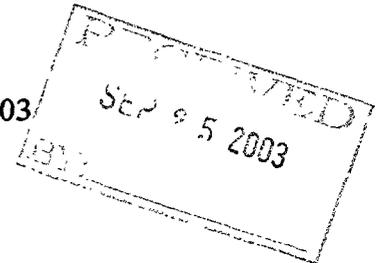


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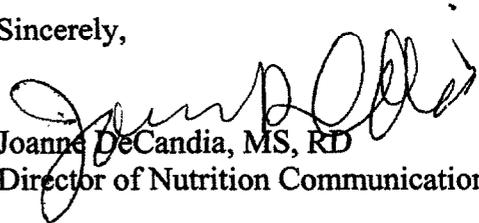
This letter will serve as a 30-day notification pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 that NBTY Inc. is using the following statement on our Protect supplements under the CVS label:

**Ingredients:** Vitamin A, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, Zinc, Selenium, Copper, Manganese.

- Antioxidant
- Potent Antioxidant Protection
- With essential nutrients including the powerful antioxidant vitamins A, C and E, Protect helps fight the damaging effects of free radicals.

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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