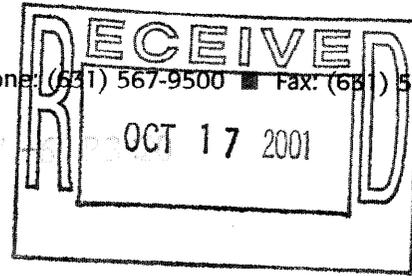




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October 10, 2001

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 MSM (Methyl Sulfonyl Methane) supplement under the Spring Valley label:

- MSM (Methyl Sulfonyl Methane) is an organic source of sulfur, a mineral that is vital in the formation of collagen, connective tissue, and healthy joint cartilage.
- MSM helps support your joints so you can enjoy your most productive years.

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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