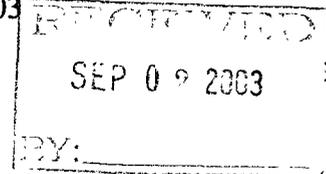




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August 13, 2003



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 statements on the Central-Vite™ Performance supplements under the Duane Reade brand name.

Ingredients: Vitamin A, Vitamin C, Vitamin D, Vitamin E, Vitamin K, Thiamin, Riboflavin, Niacin, Vitamin B-6, Folic Acid, Vitamin B-12, Biotin, Pantothenic Acid, Calcium, Iron, Phosphorus, Iodine, Magnesium, Zinc, Selenium, Copper, Manganese, Chromium, Molybdenum, Chloride, Potassium, Boron, Nickel, Silica, Tin, Vanadium, Korean Ginseng Extract, Ginkgo Biloba Extract.

- Provides Essential Nutrients for Energy and Well Being.
- Central-Vite™ Performance is a daily multivitamin supplement that addresses key health concerns in areas affecting wellness, including: immune support, antioxidant protection, energy promotion, cell growth and nerve function.
- Specially designed for those seeking a vitamin supplement, Central-Vite™ Performance contains the most important nutrients your body needs to sustain good 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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