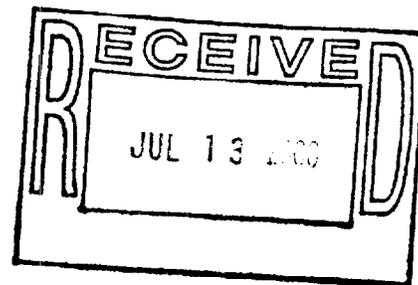




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Dear Sir or Madam:

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 Extra Strength Joint Maintenance supplement under one or more of the following brand names: American Health, Body Fortress, Good 'N Natural, Health's Finest, Heartland, Herbal Authority, Hudson, Life's Finest, Natural Wealth, Nature's Bounty, Nutrition Headquarters, Nutrition Warehouse, Precision Engineered, Puritan's Pride, US Nutrition, Vitamin World:

- Glucosamine and Chondroitin Sulfate are two key ingredients in cartilage, the connective tissue that helps form important structural components in joints.
- Studies indicate that Glucosamine provides the building blocks for constructing cartilage.
- Chondroitin helps to maintain cartilage.
- Vitamin C is involved in collagen formation.
- Manganese plays a role in the production of cartilage compounds.
- Extra Strength Joint Maintenance maximizes the efficiency of its ingredients for supporting and maintaining joint and connective tissue.

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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