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Office of Special Nutritionals
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
Food and Drug Administration
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Washington, D.C. 20204



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 Chondroitin Complex supplement under one or more of the following brand names: American Health, Body Fortress, Good 'N Natural, Health's Finest, Heartland, Hudson, Life's Finest, Natural Wealth, Nature's Bounty, Nutrition Headquarters, Nutrition Warehouse, Puritan's Pride, US Nutrition, Vitamin World:

Chondroitin Sulfate and Glucosamine are key structural components in cartilage and play an important role in the maintenance of joint cartilage. Vitamin C is involved in collagen formation. Manganese-containing enzymes play a role in the production of essential cartilage compounds.

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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