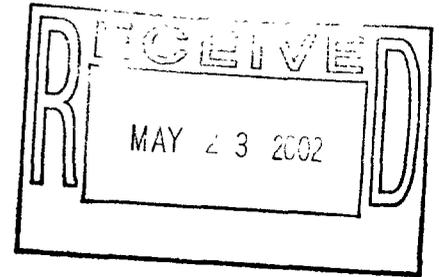




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May 1, 2002



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 Chelated Calcium Magnesium Zinc supplements under the ShopRite brand name:

- Bone health can be dependent on many factors including heredity, diet, exercise and lifestyle.
- Calcium is the primary mineral responsible for strong bones.
- Because the body can't produce Calcium, a balanced diet, regular exercise, healthy lifestyle choices and adequate intake of Calcium and Vitamin D can play a role in maintaining optimal bone health.
- Calcium and Magnesium play essential roles in maintaining proper bone mineralization.
- Calcium and Magnesium are also involved in muscle contractions and nerve impulses.
- Zinc is essential for cell division and growth.

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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