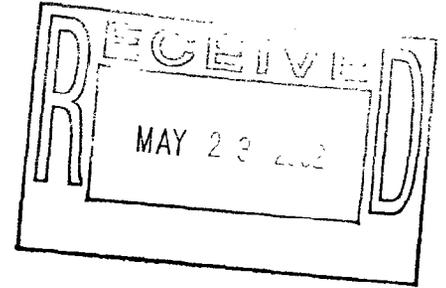




90 Orville Drive, Bohemia, NY 11716-2510 ■ Phone: (631) 567-9500 ■ Fax: (631) 218-7480



Office of Nutritional Products
Labeling & Dietary Supplements
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
Food and Drug Administration
5100 Paint Branch Parkway
College Park, MD 20740-3835

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 Glucosamine and Chondroitin supplements under the ShopRite brand name:

- Glucosamine and Chondroitin are two popular supplements that play a role in the maintenance of joint cartilage.
- Both Glucosamine and Chondroitin help support joints and recent studies verify Glucosamine's ability to promote mobility and flexibility.

The above statements are accompanied by the required disclaimer pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act.

Sincerely,

Ona Scandurra, MS, RD
Director of Nutrition Communications

OS/js

97S 0162

LET

10060

80643