

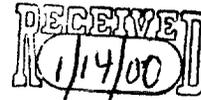


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Dear Sir or Madam:

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 Ultra Hydrolyzed Collagen 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 and Vitamin World:

- Provides Amino Acids for energy
- Helps maintain body collagen
- Supports lean body mass
- Collagen is an amino acid-rich substance that forms the supporting structure for all connective tissues in the body such as bones, teeth, skin and tendons. Ultra-Hydrolyzed Collagen provides naturally-occurring amino acids to support lean body mass, for energy metabolism and for the maintenance of body collagen.

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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