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Office of Nutritional Products
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Dear Sir or Madam:

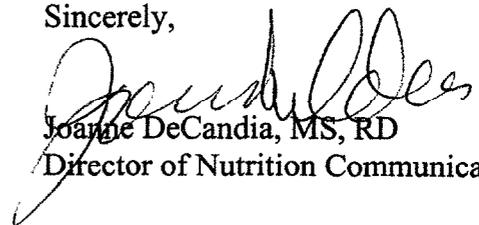
This letter will serve as a 30-day notification pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 that NBTY Inc. is using the following statements on our Osteo Joint Care supplements under the Duane Reade brand name.

Ingredients: Glucosamine Hydrochloride, Chondroitin Sulfate.

- Helps Promote Healthy Cartilage Formation and Joint Support

The above statement is 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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