

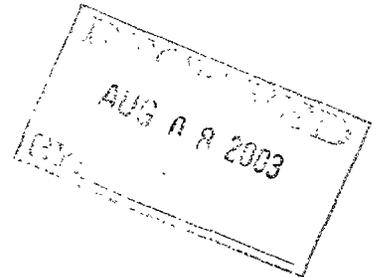


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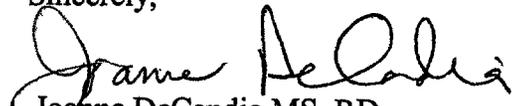
Dear Sir or Madam:

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 Zinc supplements under the CVS label:

- Immune System
- Enhances Immune System Health
- Zinc is an important mineral involved in carbohydrate, protein, fat and energy metabolism.
- Zinc also helps support the immune system and 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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