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Office of Special Nutritionals
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
Food and Drug Administration
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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 Calcium 600; Calcium 600 with Vitamin D; Oyster Calcium 500; Oyster Calcium with Vitamin D; Daily Vitamins & Calcium & Iron; and Absorbable Calcium supplements:

The National Institutes of Health reports that more than 25 million people in the U.S. have osteoporosis. Regular exercise and a healthy diet with enough calcium helps teen and young adult white and Asian women maintain good bone health and may reduce their high risk of osteoporosis later in life. Adequate calcium intake is important, but daily intakes above about 2,000 mg are not likely to provide any additional benefit.

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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