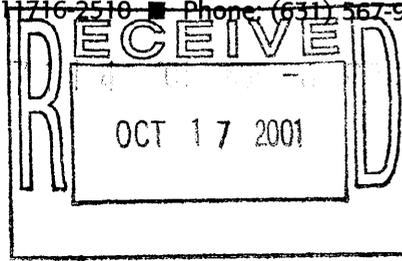




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October 10, 2001

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 Glucosamine Sulfate 1000 mg supplement under the Spring Valley label:

- As a key ingredient in cartilage, Glucosamine plays an important role in good joint health.
- Studies indicate that Glucosamine provides the building blocks for constructing cartilage.

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

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