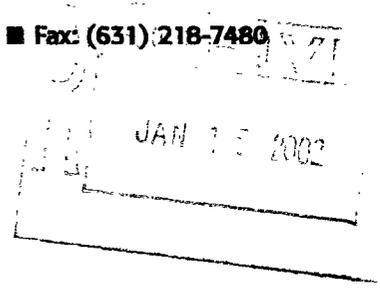




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January 3, 2002

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 Oystercal-D™ supplements under one or more of the following brand names: American Health, Bioenergy Nutrients, Body Fortress, Good 'N Natural, Health's Finest, Heartland, HealthSmart Vitamins, HealthWatchers, Life's Finest, Natural Wealth, Nature's Bounty, Nutrition Headquarters, Nutrition Warehouse, Physiologics, Precision Engineered, Puritan's Pride, US Nutrition and Vitamin World:

- Supports/Promotes Bone Health
- Bone health can be dependent on many factors including heredity, diet, exercise and lifestyle.
- Calcium is the primary mineral responsible for strong bones.
- The body also uses Calcium for proper muscle contraction and nerve function - and obtains this Calcium mainly from the bones.
- Because the body can't produce Calcium, a balanced diet, regular exercise, healthy lifestyle choices and adequate intake of Calcium and Vitamin D can play a role in maintaining optimal bone health.
- Calcium and Vitamin D help maintain healthy bones in adults.
- Calcium also plays a role in muscle contractions and nerve impulses.
- Vitamin D assists in maintaining a healthy immune system.

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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Director of Nutrition Communications

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