

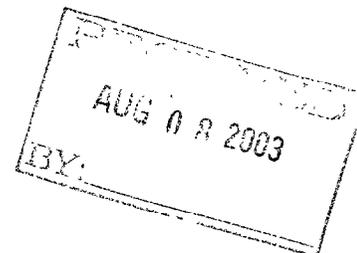


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August 7, 2003



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 & Magnesium with Zinc supplements under the CVS label:

- Bones, Muscle & Immunity
- Supports Bone, Muscle and Immune System Health
- These essential minerals are necessary for the proper functioning of the body.
- Calcium is vital for bones, Magnesium assists nerve and muscle function and Zinc promotes immune system health.

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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