

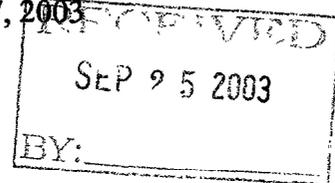


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August 27, 2003



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 Citrate + D supplements under the Duane Reade brand name.

Ingredients: Vitamin D, Calcium

- Builds strong bones
- Vitamin D assists in the absorption of calcium
- Calcium and Vitamin D are two essential nutrients that work together to support bone health.
- Calcium is also involved in muscle and nerve impulses, while Vitamin D may enhance the 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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