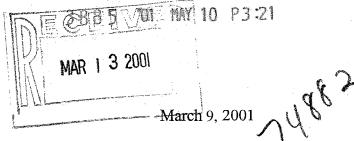


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Dear Sir or Madam:

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 Extra Strength Joint Maintenance™ supplements under one or more of the following brand names: American Health, Body Fortress, Good 'N Natural, Health's Finest, Heartland, HealthWatchers, Hudson, Life's Finest, Natural Wealth, Nature's Bounty, Nutrition Headquarters, Nutrition Warehouse, Precision Engineered, Puritan's Pride, US Nutrition, Vitamin City and Vitamin World:

- ES Joint Maintenance<sup>TM</sup> contains ingredients found in many support supplements.
- Both Glucosamine Sulfate and Chondroitin Sulfate are key structural components in cartilage and play an important role in the maintenance of joint cartilage.
- ES Joint Maintenance<sup>TM</sup> also contains Vitamin C for collagen formation and Manganese, a mineral necessary for normal skeletal development.
- Extra Strength Joint Maintenance<sup>TM</sup> is perfect for anyone seeking maximum joint support supplementation.

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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