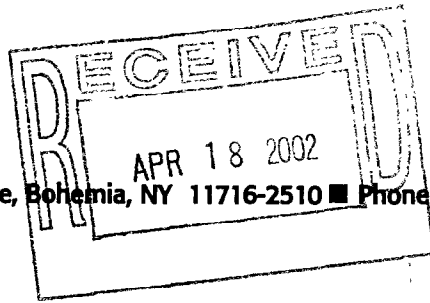




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April 1, 2002

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 the Central-Vite™ Senior Formula supplements under the Duane Reade brand name.

Ingredients: Vitamin A, Vitamin C, Vitamin D, Vitamin E, Vitamin K, Thiamin, Riboflavin, Niacin, Vitamin B-6, Folic Acid, Vitamin B-12, Biotin, Pantothenic Acid, Calcium, Phosphorus, Iodine, Magnesium, Zinc, Selenium, Copper, Manganese, Chromium, Molybdenum, Chloride, Potassium, Boron, Nickel, Silica, Vanadium, Lutein.

- Central-Vite™ Senior Formula is a daily multi-vitamin and multi-mineral supplement that addresses seniors' key health concerns in areas affecting wellness including: immune support, antioxidant protection, energy promotion, protein and fat metabolism and bone health.
- Now with Lutein for eye health. Central-Vite™ Senior Formula contains over 28 nutrients to help give you the complete nutritional support you need every day.

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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