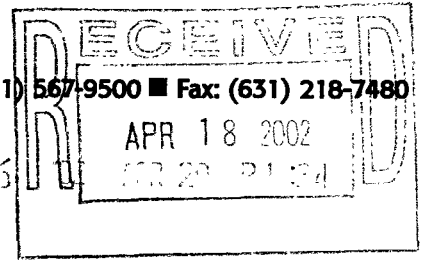




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April 1, 2002

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 with Lutein 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, Iron, Phosphorus, Iodine, Magnesium, Zinc, Selenium, Copper, Manganese, Chromium, Molybdenum, Chloride, Potassium, Boron, Nickel, Tin, Silicon, Vanadium, Lutein.

- Supports Healthy Eyes
- Central-Vite with Lutein is a daily multivitamin-multimineral supplement that addresses 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 with Lutein contains over 30 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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Director of Nutrition Communications

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