

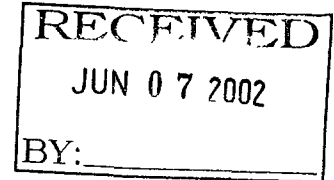


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May 30, 2002



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 MSM (Methylsulfonylmethane) supplements under the Origin brand name:

- Joint Health
- Helps Maintain Healthy Joints
- MSM (Methylsulfonylmethane) is an organic source of sulfur, a vital ingredient for collagen, one of the components of healthy connective tissue.
- As one of the building blocks of collagen, MSM helps support healthy joints.

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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