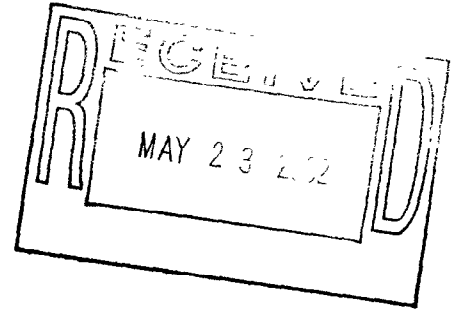




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Dear Sir or Madam:

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 the Calcium supplements under the ShopRite brand name:

- Bone health can be dependent on many factors including heredity, diet, exercise and lifestyle.
- Calcium is the primary mineral responsible for strong bones.
- The body also uses Calcium for proper muscle contraction and nerve function – and obtains this Calcium mainly from the bones.
- Because the body can't produce Calcium, a balanced diet, regular exercise, healthy lifestyle choices and adequate intake of Calcium and Vitamin D can play a role in maintaining optimal bone health.
- Calcium and Vitamin D help maintain healthy bones in adults.
- Calcium plays a role in muscle contractions and nerve impulses.
- Vitamin D assists in maintaining a healthy 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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