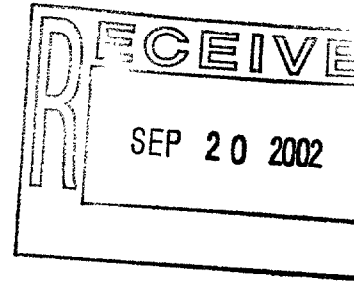




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September 17, 2002

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 our Knox® NutraJoint® Gelatine Tropical Fruit supplements under one or more of the following brand names: American Health, Bioenergy Nutrients, Body Fortress, Good 'N Natural, Health's Finest, Heartland, HealthSmart Vitamins, HealthWatchers, Herbal Authority, Life's Finest, Natural Wealth, Nature's Bounty, Nutrition Headquarters, Nutrition Warehouse, PhysioLogics, Precision Engineered, Puritan's Pride, US Nutrition and Vitamin World:

Ingredients: Vitamin C, Vitamin D, Vitamin E, Vitamin K, Calcium, Phosphorus, Zinc, Copper, Manganese, Sodium, Gelatine, Glucosamine Hydrochloride.

- Gelatine and Key Joint Nutrients
- Calcium and Key Bone Nutrients
- Knox® NutraJoint® - The Formula for Flexibility™
- Glucosamine provides building blocks for glycosaminoglycans - the lubricating structure in cartilage
- Gelatine provides building blocks for collagen - the chief structural protein in cartilage and bone
- Bone Nutrients - Calcium, Vitamin D, Zinc, Vitamin K, and Manganese
- Joint Nutrients - Vitamin C and Copper
- Helps your body strengthen cartilage and lubricate joints
- An Excellent Source of Calcium and other important nutrients

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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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