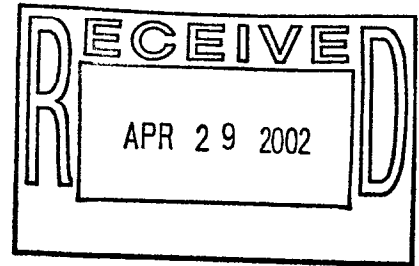




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Dear Sir or Madam:

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 Osteo Joint Care supplement under the Duane Reade brand name.

- Helps Maintain Healthy Joints.
- The joint support system is responsible for sustaining the area around muscles and bones, providing shock absorption and supporting your internal structure.
- The ingredients in Osteo Joint Care Maximum Strength include Glucosamine and Chondroitin, two supplements that can help you sustain optimal joint health.
- Studies indicate that Glucosamine provides the building blocks for constructing cartilage, while Chondroitin helps to promote healthy joints and cartilage.
- Glucosamine and Chondroitin work together to build and maintain the structural framework of joints to support comfortable movement.

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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