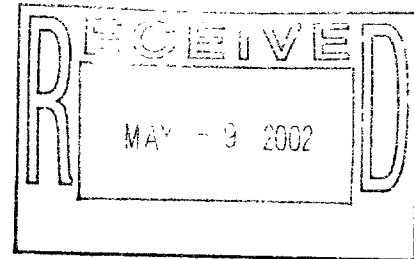




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Dear Sir or Madam:

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 Cartilage Companion® HP supplement under the PhysioLogics brand name:

- Cartilage Companion® HP combines the top three structural components found in popular joint support products.
- Promotes healthy joint and cartilage maintenance.
- Scientific studies indicate that Glucosamine helps provide the building blocks for supporting cartilage.
- Chondroitin helps to maintain joint cartilage.
- MSM is an organic source of sulfur and synergistically enhances the benefits of Glucosamine and Chondroitin to support cartilage health.
- When taken as part of your daily supplement schedule, Cartilage Companion® HP is a formulary matrix that helps revitalize the cellular components within the 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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