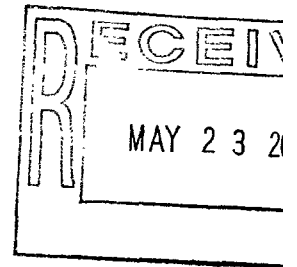




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May 21, 2002



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 Selenium supplements under the ShopRite brand name:

- Selenium is an essential trace mineral that plays many important roles in the body.
- As a component of the antioxidant enzyme, glutathione peroxidase, selenium helps to protect cells from the harmful effects of free radicals.
- Selenium spares Vitamin E, which in turn boosts the cell's antioxidant defense system.
- Selenium plays a role in the structure of teeth.
- Selenium helps support the 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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