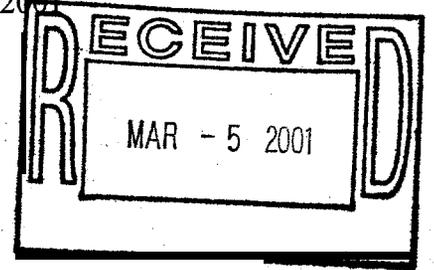




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Dear Sir or Madam:

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 our Bone & Joint Defense supplement under one or more of the following brand names: American Health, Body Fortress, Good 'N Natural, Health's Finest, Heartland, HealthWatchers, Herbal Authority, Herbs for Juniors, Hudson, Life's Finest, Natural Wealth, Nature's Bounty, Nutrition Headquarters, Nutrition Warehouse, Precision Engineered, Puritan's Pride, US Nutrition, Vitamin City and Vitamin World:

- Bone & Joint Defense is a comprehensive supplement designed to give you the ultimate in joint and bone support.
- With over 40 active ingredients including a comprehensive array of vitamins, minerals and support nutrients, Bone & Joint Defense is your complete source for joint and bone maintenance.
- There's Calcium, Vitamin D and Boron for bone health, Glucosamine and Chondroitin for joint support, Vitamin C for collagen formation – plus a wide array of nutritional factors for antioxidant support.

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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