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October 14, 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 statement on our Glucosamine Sulfate supplements under the Spring Valley label:

Glucosamine is a key structural component in cartilage and plays an important role in the maintenance of joint cartilage.

The above statement is accompanied by the required disclaimer pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act.

Sincerely,

Joanne DeCandia, MS, RD

Director of Nutrition Communications

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