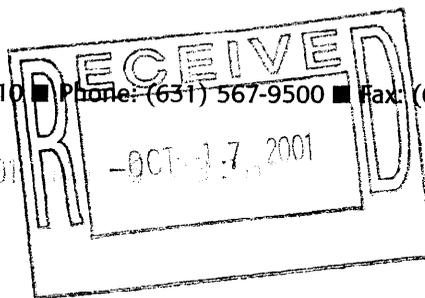




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October 3, 2001

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 Q-Sorb™ Co Q-10 50 mg supplement under the Spring Valley label:

- Coenzyme Q-10 plays a role in helping the body convert food to energy.
- Studies indicate that Co Q-10 levels may decline as we age.
- Coenzyme Q-10 helps neutralize harmful free radicals in cells.
- Co Q-10 may also help support a healthy heart.
- A daily intake above 50 mg may provide enhanced cardiovascular and antioxidant protection.

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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