

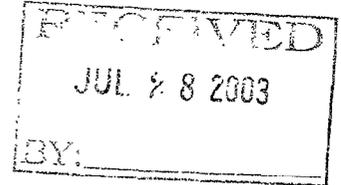


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Dear Sir or Madam:

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 L-Cysteine supplements under one or more of the following brand names: American Health, Bioenergy Nutrients, Body Fortress, Good 'N Natural, Health's Finest, Heartland, HealthSmart Vitamins, HealthWatchers, Herbal Authority, Hudson, Life's Finest, Natural Wealth, Nature's Bounty, Nutrition Headquarters, PhysioLogics, Precision Engineered, Puritan's Pride, US Nutrition, and Vitamin World:

- L-Cysteine is an amino acid involved in important functions within the body.
- L-Cysteine is also one of the body's chief sources of sulfur.
- Amino acids are considered the building blocks of protein and are essential for a variety of biological processes.

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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