

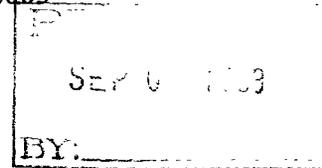


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Dear Sir or Madam:

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-Lysine supplements under the CVS label:

- Supports Collagen and Protein Synthesis
- L-Lysine is an essential amino acid that cannot be made by the body.
- L-Lysine promotes healthy skin and supports the production of collagen and tissue maintenance.
- L-Lysine promotes the production of collagen and tissue maintenance as well as healthy skin.

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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