

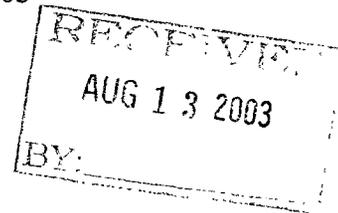


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Dear Sir or Madam:

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 Beta Carotene supplements under the Radiance label:

Ingredient: Vitamin A

- Supports immune and antioxidant protection
- Antioxidant supplement
- Beta Carotene is also an immune system enhancer and antioxidant.
- Antioxidants help fight cell damaging free radicals in the body.
- Free radicals can lead to oxidative stress, which contribute to aging.

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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