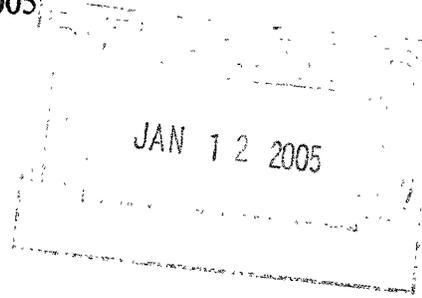




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Dear Sir or Madam:

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 Astaxanthin supplements under the PhysioLogics brand name:

- Powerful Antioxidant
- Great for Stressful Lifestyles
- Derived from the Haematococcus Algae using pristine methods, Astaxanthin is a naturally occurring carotenoid that contains biocellular antioxidant properties.
- Antioxidants help fight reactive oxygen species that can lead to oxidative stress and may contribute to the premature aging of cells.

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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