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Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
Food and Drug Administration
5100 Paint Branch Parkway
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January 9, 2002

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 the Pycnogenol® supplements under the Major brand name.

- Helps promote cardiovascular health
- Pycnogenol® is a unique and powerful natural plant extract made from the bark of the European coastal pine, *Pinus maritima*.
- Pycnogenol® possesses antioxidant properties that help protect against free-radicals.

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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