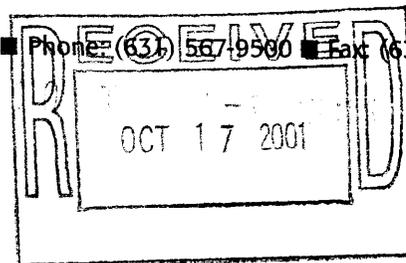




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October 3, 2001

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 Ginkgo Biloba 30 mg supplement under the Spring Valley label:

- Nutritionally Supports Mental Alertness
- Scientific research documents the ability of Ginkgo to maintain peripheral circulation to the arms, legs and brain.
- In addition, Ginkgo helps improve memory, especially occasional mild memory problems associated with aging.
- Ginkgo also possesses antioxidant properties that may help neutralize cell-damaging free radicals.
- Studies have shown that oxidative stress caused by free radicals may contribute to aging.
- To enhance the bioactivity of the standardized Ginkgo, we've added 400 mg of Ginkgo Leaf per serving.

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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