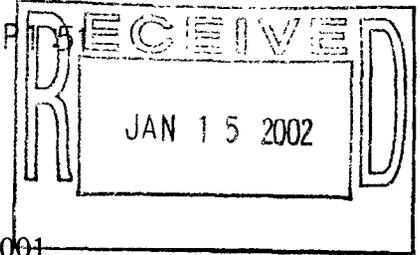




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December 12, 2001

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 Ascorbyl Palmitate 500 mg supplements under one or more of the following brand names: American Health, Bioenergy Nutrients, Body Fortress, Good 'N Natural, Health's Finest, Heartland, HealthSmart Vitamins, HealthWatchers, Life's Finest, Natural Wealth, Nature's Bounty, Nutrition Headquarters, Nutrition Warehouse, Physiologics, Precision Engineered, Puritan's Pride, US Nutrition and Vitamin World:

- Helps Support the Foundations of Healthy Skin
- Ascorbyl Palmitate is part of the Vitamin C grouping of nutrients. It contains antioxidant properties that help fight free radicals in the body.
- Free radicals can lead to the premature aging of cells.
- Vitamin C is also involved in the production of collagen, which forms the basis for vibrant 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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Director of Nutrition Communications

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