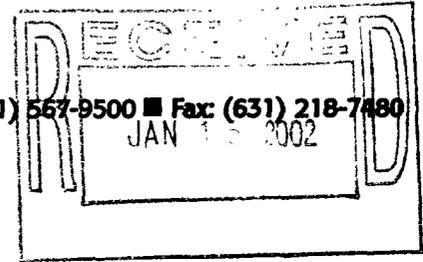




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Dear Sir or Madam:

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 BetaSlim™ supplement under one or more of the following brand names: American Health, Body Fortress, Good 'N Natural, Health's Finest, Heartland, Hudson, Life's Finest, Natural Wealth, Nature's Bounty, Nutrition Headquarters, Nutrition Warehouse, Precision Engineered, Puritan's Pride, US Nutrition and Vitamin World:

Ingredients: L-Tyrosine, Green Tea, Standardized Ma Huang Extract, Standardized Yerba Mate, Alpha Lipoic Acid, Naringin, Standardized *Coleus forskohlii*.

- Promotes Weight Loss and Provides Energy
- BetaSlim™ is a scientifically advanced formula designed to help you feel energized while losing weight.
- With cutting edge ingredients to enhance Thermogenesis and provide energy, Beta Slim™ gives you the support you need to promote weight loss.
- BetaSlim's™ precision blend gives you an intense, Thermogenic edge without making you feel deprived.
- Designed to help jump start your weight loss goals, BetaSlim™ should be used in conjunction with a low-fat diet and exercise program.

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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