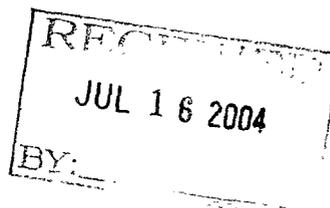




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May 25, 2004



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 Alpha Lipoic Acid supplements under the Origins brand name:

- Antioxidant
- Helps Maintain Antioxidant Protection.
- Alpha Lipoic Acid is a vitamin-like antioxidant that helps neutralize cell-damaging free radicals.
- Free radicals can lead to oxidative stress, which in turn can cause premature aging.
- As an antioxidant, Alpha, Lipoic Acid also helps revitalize the underlying structure of skin and helps support good health.

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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