

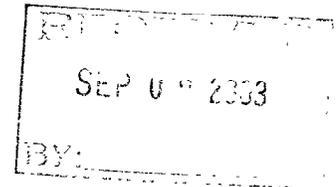


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Dear Sir or Madam:

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 the Biotin supplements under the Duane Reade brand name.

- Helps Maintain Skin & Hair Health
- As a needed nutrient, Biotin plays a role in skin and hair health.
- In addition, Biotin is essential for the intermediate metabolism of carbohydrates, proteins and fats.

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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