

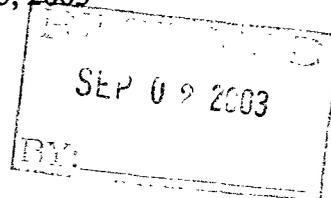


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Dear Sir or Madam:

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 Stress Formula supplements under the CVS label:

Ingredients: Vitamin C, Vitamin E, Thiamin, Riboflavin, Niacin, Vitamin B-6, Folic Acid, Vitamin B-12, Biotin, Pantothenic Acid.

- B-Complex with Antioxidants C & E, and Folic Acid.
- This formula contains essential B Vitamins to support energy metabolism and nervous system health to help you cope with stress.

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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