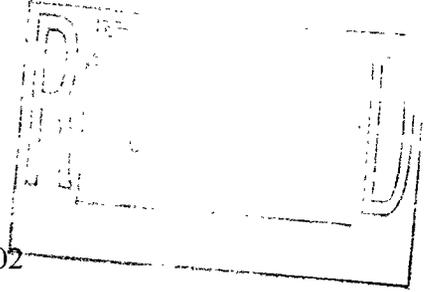




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Dear Sir or Madam:

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 Amino Complex 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:

Ingredients: L-Arginine, L-Cysteine, L-Histidine, L-Isoleucine, L-Leucine, L-Lysine, L-Methionine, L-Ornithine, L-Phenylalanine, L-Threonine, L-Tyrosine, L-Valine.

- Amino Acids Help Build Protein
- Amino Acids are essential for life - you could not survive without them.
- Amino Acids provide the crucial building blocks for protein.
- Protein plays a role in constructing and maintaining the critical structures and functions of the body.
- Amino Complex is made up of 12 Amino Acids - including 8 essential Amino Acids - necessary for health and wellness.

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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