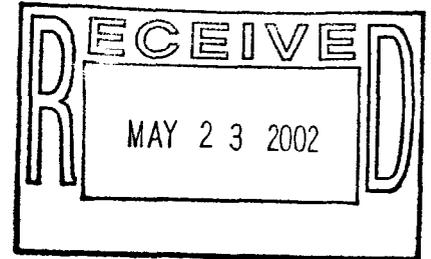




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May 14, 2002



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 B-Complex supplements under the ShopRite brand name:

- The B Complex is made up of several vitamins that work well together to support nervous system health.
- B Complex vitamins also promote energy metabolism.
- Each nutrient in the B Complex performs a unique role in maintaining proper metabolic functioning and is essential for well being.
- These tablets provide an excellent source of B Complex vitamins to help safeguard a sufficient daily intake.
- The B Complex is essential for the maintenance of healthy nervous tissue.
- The B vitamins play a role in energy metabolism in the body.

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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