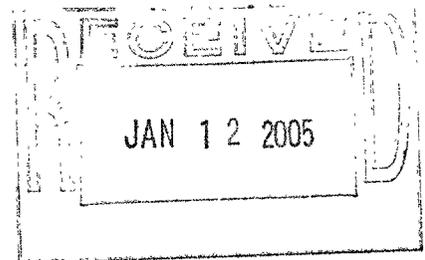




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January 5, 2005



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 Chewable Ester-C™ Plus® 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, Precision Engineered, Puritan's Pride, Radiance, US Nutrition and Vitamin World:

Ingredients: Vitamin C (as Ester-C® Calcium Ascorbate), Malic Acid, Buckwheat, Acerola, Citrus Bioflavonoid, Hesperidin Complex, Rutin

- Excellent Immune System Support
- This excellent formula contains Vitamin C, which provides excellent nutritional and immune system support.
- The Vitamin C contained in this product is made from Ester-C®, a patented form of Vitamin C that is gentle to the stomach.

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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