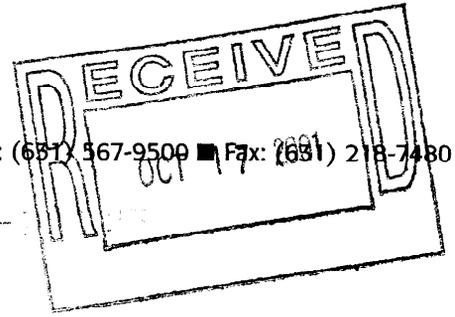




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October 3, 2001

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 Evening Primrose Oil 1,000 mg supplement under the Spring Valley label:

- Nutritional Support for Women's Health
- Evening Primrose Oil contains one of the richest sources of Gamma Linolenic Acid (GLA - 90 mg per serving), a fatty acid that is not made by the body and not commonly found in food.
- Popular with women of all ages, Evening Primrose Oil helps provide nutritional support for women with PMS.

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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