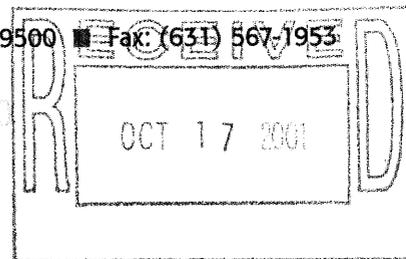




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October 15, 2001

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 Odor Free Garlic supplement under the Spring Valley label:

- Nutritionally Supports Heart & Cardiovascular Health
- For centuries, Garlic has been used for its exceptional healing properties and more recently, for its antioxidant properties.
- Garlic promotes heart and cardiovascular health and helps maintain cholesterol levels that are already within the normal range.
- Our enteric-coated Odor Free Garlic bypasses the stomach to prevent the unpleasant taste of garlic for those who are garlic sensitive.
- Enteric coating serves as a protective barrier so that garlic can be absorbed in the small intestines where it can provide you with the greatest benefits.

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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