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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 Beta Carotene supplements under the Naturalist label:

- Antioxidants help fight cell-damaging free radicals in the body.
- Free radicals can lead to oxidative stress, which, studies show, contributes to aging.
- This provitamin A is part of the Carotenoid family and readily converts to Vitamin A in the system when needed.
- Beta Carotene is also an immune system enhancer and antioxidant.

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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