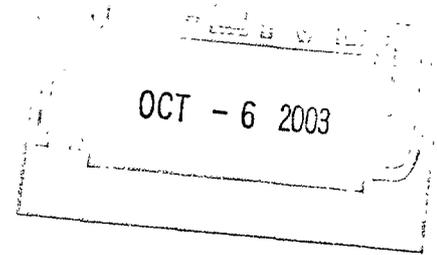




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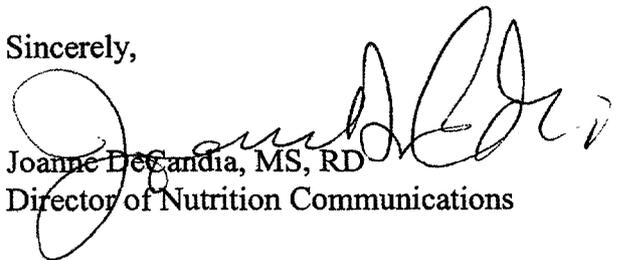
Dear Sir or Madam:

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 the Alpha Lipoic Acid supplements under the PhysioLogics brand name:

- Antioxidant Enhancer
- Alpha Lipoic Acid (ALA) plays a role in antioxidant synergism to fight oxidative stress and free radical formation.
- As a coenzyme, ALA is needed to break down glucose for energy production.
- ALA also supports glutathione regeneration.

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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