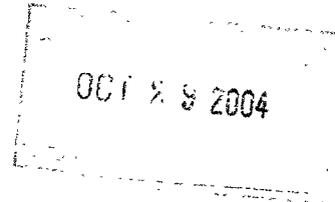




90 Orville Drive, Bohemia, NY 11716-2510 ■ Phone: (631) 567-9500 ■ Fax: (631) 218-7480

Office of Nutritional Products  
Labeling & Dietary Supplements  
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition  
Food and Drug Administration  
5100 Paint Branch Parkway  
College Park, MD 20740-3835

October 22, 2004



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 Vitamin B-12 supplements under the Naturalist label:

- Promotes Energy Metabolism
- The B vitamins play a role in energy metabolism in the body.
- Vitamin B-12 is essential for the normal formation of blood cells and contributes to the health of the nervous system.

The above statements are accompanied by the required disclaimer pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act.

Sincerely,

Angelica S. Vrablic, Ph.D.  
Manager, Nutrition Research

ASV/mb

97S 0162

LET

14912

90075