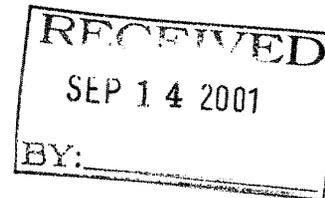




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September 7, 2001



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 the Pantothenic Acid 200 mg supplement under the Major brand name.

- Contributes to the health of the nervous system.
- Pantothenic Acid is a factor in the B Complex vitamin group.
- Pantothenic Acid functions as a part of a key coenzyme that is necessary for the release of energy in cells and helps support a healthy nervous system.

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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