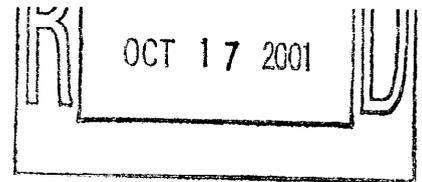




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October 3, 2001

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 Flush Free Niacin Inositol Hexanicotinate 500 mg supplement under the Spring Valley label:

- Nutritionally Supports Nervous System Health
- Niacin, also called Vitamin B-3, is part of a coenzyme needed for energy metabolism.
- Niacin helps maintain healthy functions of the nervous system, digestive system and skin.

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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