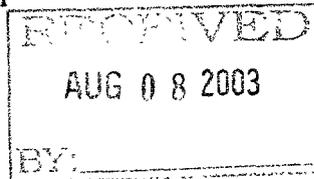




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August 1, 2003



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 Ester-C® supplements under the Radiance label:

Ingredients: Vitamin C, Calcium, Citrus Bioflavonoid, Rutin, Hesperidin Complex

- Supports Immune System Health
- Stomach Friendly
- Unlike ordinary Vitamin C, Ester-C® is non-acidic and gentle on your stomach.
- Vitamin C plays an important role in supporting immune function.
- As an antioxidant, Vitamin C helps neutralize harmful free radicals in cells.

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

Sincerely,

Joanne DeCandia
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Director of Nutrition Communications

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