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

January 28, 2005

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 one or more of the following brand names: American Health, Bioenergy Nutrients, Body Fortress, CVS, Dollar General, Duane Reade, Giant Eagle, Good 'N Natural, Health's Finest, Heartland, HealthSmart Vitamins, HealthWatchers, Kaiser Permanente, Life's Finest, Major, Met-Rx, Natural Wealth, Naturalist, Nature's Bounty, Nutrition Headquarters, Nutrition Warehouse, PhysioLogics, Precision Engineered, Puritan's Pride, Radiance, Rexall, Sam's Club, Shoprite, Sundown, Target, US Nutrition, Vibrant Health, Vitamin World, Walgreens, Walmart and WorldWide Sports:

Ingredients: Vitamin C, Calcium, Sodium, Rose Hips, Citrus Bioflavonoids, Rutin, Acerola, Camu-Camu Extract, Black Currant Extract, Kiwi, Papaya, L-Threonic Acid

- Healthy Immune Function
- EASY ABSORPTION
- Ester-C® is a gentle source of vitamin C that is non acidic and easier on the stomach.
- Ester-C® helps promote immune function health, healthy vision, antioxidant health and cardiovascular health.
- This exclusive formula also contains a proprietary Bioflavonoid Complex, a Whole Food Fruit Blend, and supplies a good source of calcium for added benefits.

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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