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Office of Nutritional Products
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Dear Sir or Madam:

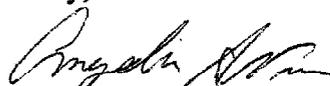
This letter will serve as a 30 day notification pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 that NBTY Inc. is using the following statements on our EPO supplements under the Spring Valley label:

Ingredient: Evening Primrose Oil

- Nutritional Support For Women's Health.
- Evening Primrose Oil contains Gamma-Linolenic Acid (GLA – 90 mg per serving), a fatty acid that is not made by the body and not commonly found in food.
- Popular with women of all ages, Evening Primrose Oil helps provide support for women during menstruation and menopause.

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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