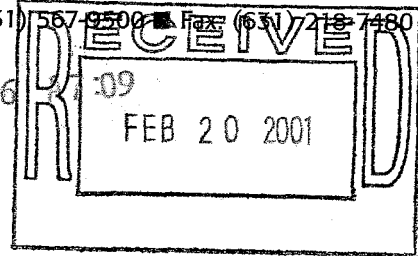




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Dear Sir or Madam:

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 Gastro-AD supplements under one or more of the following brand names: American Health, Body Fortress, Good 'N Natural, Health's Finest, Heartland, HealthWatchers, Herbal Authority, Hudson, Life's Finest, Natural Wealth, Nature's Bounty, Nutrition Headquarters, Nutrition Warehouse, Precision Engineered, Puritan's Pride, Sundown Vitamins, US Nutrition, Vitamin City and Vitamin World:

- For Relief of Occasional Heartburn
- Gastro-AD is a remarkable new product designed to address the discomfort of occasional indigestion.
- Unlike anything you have ever tried, Gastro-AD's unique formula, produced from the fermentation of soya by a specific strain of *Lactobacillus delbrueckii*, helps to support your digestive system and ease the occasional discomfort associated with a sour stomach.

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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