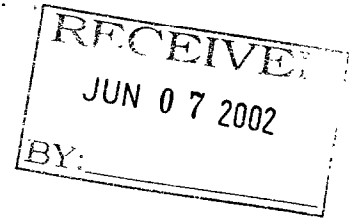




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May 30, 2002

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 the Vitamin B-50 supplements under the Origin brand name.

Ingredients: Thiamin, Riboflavin, Niacin, Vitamin B-6, Folic Acid, Vitamin B-12, Biotin, Pantothenic Acid

- Helps Maintain Energy Metabolism
- The B Vitamin group consists of several essential nutrients needed by the body.
- This complex of vitamins plays a role in energy metabolism and assists nerve function.

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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