

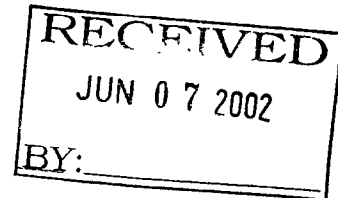


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May 30, 2002



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 SAM-e (S-adenosylmethionine) supplements under the Origin brand name:

- Supported by Research
- Helps Maintain Joint Health and Positive Mood
- SAM-e is the term used to describe S-adenosylmethionine, a vital substance found in all cells and essential to many biochemical reactions in the body.
- SAM-e promotes healthy joint function and comfort and boosts mood and emotional well-being.

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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