

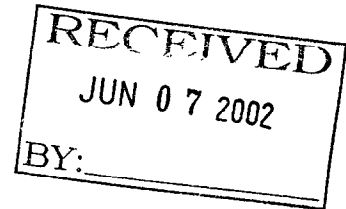


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May 30, 2002



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 Chromium Picolinate supplements under the Origin brand name:

- Promotes Sugar and Fat Metabolism
- As a nutrient, Chromium is important for the metabolism of proteins and fats in the body.
- In addition, Chromium is a key component of the Glucose Tolerance Factor (GTF) that works to support your body's use of sugar.

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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