

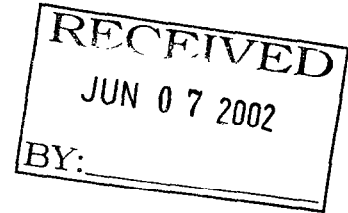


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May 30, 2002



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 Ester-C® with Bioflavonoids supplements under the Origin brand name:

- Stomach Friendly
- Helps Maintain the Immune System
- Ester C® is a patented form of Vitamin C that is gentle to the stomach.
- Vitamin C plays an important role in supporting immune system health.
- As an antioxidant, Vitamin C fights free radicals in the body.
- Free radicals can contribute to oxidative stress, which leads to the premature aging of cells.
- Vitamin C also forms the molecular basis for healthy skin, hair and nails.

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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