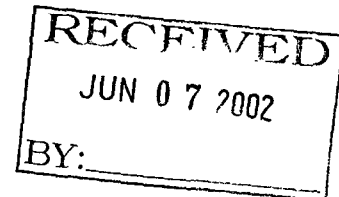




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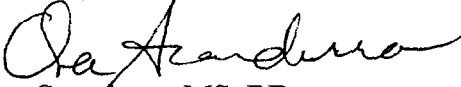
Dear Sir or Madam:

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 the Organic Flax Oil supplements under the Origin brand name:

- Rich In Omega – 3 Fatty Acids
- Flax is one of the premium sources of Alpha Linolenic Acid (Omega – 3) and Linoleic Acid (Omega – 6), two essential fatty acids that can't be made by the body and must be obtained from the diet.
- Fatty acids play a role in providing an energy source for the body.

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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