

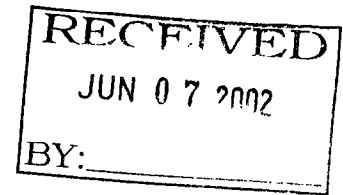


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May 30, 2002



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 Alpha Lipoic Acid supplements under the Origin brand name:

- Antioxidant
- Helps Maintain Antioxidant Protection
- Alpha Lipoic Acid is a vitamin-like antioxidant that helps neutralize cell-damaging free radicals.
- Free radicals can lead to oxidative stress, which in turn can cause premature aging.
- In addition, Alpha Lipoic Acid also helps metabolize sugar in the body, especially in muscles, where it promotes energy.

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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