

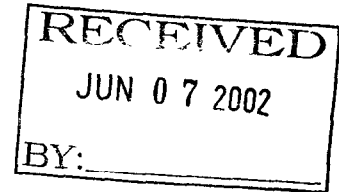


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May 30, 2002



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 Milk Thistle supplements under the Origin brand name:

- Helps Maintain Healthy Liver Function
- Many scientific studies now underscore the ability of Milk Thistle to help maintain healthy liver function.
- The exceptional benefits of this extract are due to powerful antioxidant properties which help to neutralize cell damaging free radicals.
- Studies have shown that oxidative stress caused by free radicals may contribute to aging.

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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