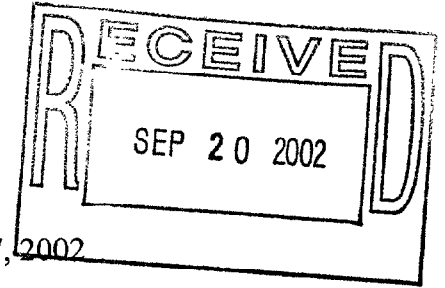




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Dear Sir or Madam:

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 our Ester-C® 1000 mg supplement under the Spring Valley label:

- Non-acidic stomach friendly
- Vitamin C plays an important role in supporting immune function.
- As an antioxidant, Vitamin C helps neutralize harmful free radicals in cells.
- Ester-C® is the only Vitamin C that contains metabolites and may enhance the delivery of essential Vitamin C to the body.

The above statements are accompanied by the required disclaimer pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act.

Sincerely,

Joanne DeCandia
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