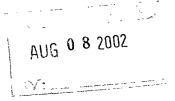


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July 30, 2002



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 our Aloe Vera supplements under the Spring Valley label:

- Nutritionally Supports Digestive System
- Since ancient times, Aloe Vera has been recognized for its calming and restorative properties.
- Aloe Vera contains amino acids, polysaccharides and phenolic compounds, which contribute to the well-being of the body.
- Aloe Vera has been shown to support the digestive system, giving you the assurance you need to be at your best.

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

Acandurra Sincerely,

Ona Scandurra, MS, RD **Director of Nutrition Communications**

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