

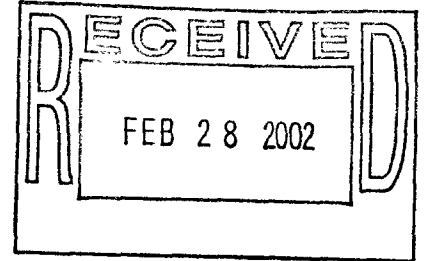


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Dear Sir or Madam:

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 Metabosurge™ supplement under one or more of the following brand names: American Health, Bioenergy Nutrients, Body Fortress, Good 'N Natural, Health's Finest, Heartland, HealthSmart Vitamins, HealthWatchers, Life's Finest, Natural Wealth, Nature's Bounty, Nutrition Headquarters, Nutrition Warehouse, PhysioLogics, Precision Engineered, Puritan's Pride, US Nutrition and Vitamin World:

Ingredients: Vitamin C, Vitamin E, Magnesium, Zinc, Chromium, Ma Huang, Guarana Extract, Citrus Aurantium, Bee Pollen, Korean Ginseng, Ginger, Lecithin, White Willow, Damiana, Sarsaparilla, Golden Seal, Nettles, Gotu Kola, Spirulina, Butcher's Broom, Bladderwrack Extract

- A Thermogenic Herbal Formula That:
 - Enhances Diet
 - Provides Energy
 - Promotes Weight Loss
 - Helps Promote Fat Metabolism
- Metabosurge™ is a unique combination of herbs and essential nutrients plus key factors that play a role in fat metabolism.
- The active ingredients in Ma Huang, Guarana and Citrus Aurantium work synergistically to help promote thermogenesis, the production of energy (heat) through the body's metabolism of fat.

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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