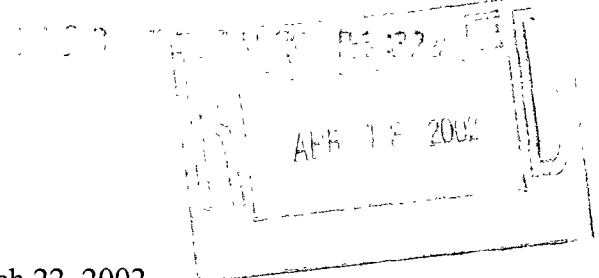




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Dear Sir or Madam:

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 the Vitamin E-400 with natural d-Alpha supplements under the Duane Reade brand name.

- Helps Maintain Cardiovascular Health
- As a powerful antioxidant, Vitamin E helps fight free radicals in the body.
- Free radicals contribute to oxidative stress, which can lead to the premature aging of cells.
- In addition, Vitamin E is known to promote immune function.

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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