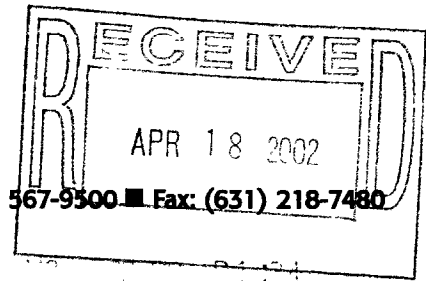




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April 1, 2002

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 L-Lysine supplements under the Duane Reade brand name.

- Essential Amino Acid
- Lysine is an essential amino acid that cannot be made by the body.
- Amino acids provide the crucial building blocks for protein.
- Proteins play a role in constructing and maintaining the critical structures and functions of the body.

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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