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Mr. Brian Johnson  
Branch Chief  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
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Room 1004 -- STOP/1-4  
450 Fifth Street, NW  
Judiciary Plaza  
Washington, DC 20549

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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, NBTY, INC., Common Stock, par value \$.008 per share and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on September 15, 2003. Tentative listing date - September 19, 2003.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Elad".