



Acme United Corporation

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The Honorable Edward J. Markey
U.S. House of Representatives
2108 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: TRICLOSAN

Dear Congressman Markey:

Your office recently contacted me regarding use of triclosan in Acme United's Clauss Titanium Bonded knives. These knives contain silver-based ingredients purchased from Microban, and do not contain triclosan.

We began to shift production of our anti-microbial products away from triclosan in the summer of 2009. Our European subsidiary was the first to make this change, which was followed by our North American entities during the fall of 2009.

Today our entire family of Clauss anti-microbial knives does not contain triclosan. All products that come in contact with food have been shifted. We do not sell anti-microbial soaps, gels, hand washes, tooth paste, or similar products.

We are reviewing all our anti-microbial products in all brands globally, including pencil sharpeners, rulers, and scissors. We intend to shift to non-triclosan ingredients in those cases where we have not already done so. We anticipate completion of the shift to non-triclosan ingredients in every product worldwide by year end, or sooner.

Thank you for contacting us. Please call me directly at 203-319-2106 if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Walter C. Johnsen
Chairman and CEO

Cc: Dr. Michal Freedhoff