



May 7, 2010

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

**RE: Letter to Reckitt Benckiser Dated April 13, 2010
Triclosan Removal Request**

Dear Congressman Markey,

This responds to your April 13, 2010 letter to Reckitt Benckiser regarding products that contain triclosan. We appreciate the questions and points raised in your letter. Reckitt Benckiser takes great pride in manufacturing and distributing safe and effective products and we are always searching for ways to reduce the environmental impact of our operations and the goods we sell.

With regard to the specific product referenced in your letter, Clean & Smooth®, this product has been discontinued and is no longer available in the US.

Reckitt Benckiser does manufacture and distribute four products in the US that contain triclosan: three face wash products and a professional liquid hand soap that is sold to institutional customers such as health care facilities. The liquid hand soap is not marketed as a household product. We are reformulating the face wash products and anticipate that alternative formulas without triclosan will be available by 2011.

It is the policy of Reckitt Benckiser to restrict the use of triclosan to licensed medicinal, over the counter (OTC) drug, cosmetic and toiletry products where it is necessary for specific therapeutic activity and provides a clear and demonstrable benefit to the consumer. We do not use triclosan in our household disinfectant products or as a preservative.

I trust that this answers the questions raised in your letter. If you need further information about Reckitt Benckiser, our products or our policies, please feel free to contact me directly.

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