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# VICTORINOX SWISS ARMY

Chairman Edward J. Markey  
Subcommittee on Energy and Environment  
Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
2108 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-6115

Dear Chairman Markey:

Thank you for your letter of April 13<sup>th</sup> dealing with Microban and triclosan. Consumer safety and environmental protection are primary concerns of Victorinox Swiss Army, Inc. and of our parent company, Victorinox AG.

To the best of our knowledge the only products we have ever sold containing, or treated with Microban, are a limited line of cutlery products with Microban treated handles. These handles were treated with Microban in Europe by our supplier, which is also our parent corporation. Several months ago a decision was made to remove this product from our catalogues. It does not appear in our current catalogue and the product is no longer supplied to us by our supplier. The decision to discontinue the product was made by us and by our supplier based upon market considerations. Sales of the product were disappointing as customers were unwilling to pay a higher price to receive a treated knife. We plan to sell off our existing inventory of the treated knives and, for that purpose, have included it in a sell sheet, a copy of which is attached for your information. We have no plans to resume sales of Microban treated products after disposal of the inventory and, again for economic reasons, have no plans to find a different antibacterial treatment.

I am sending a copy of this letter and the attachment to Ms. Karen Christen of the Republican Staff and to Ms. Katie Wheelbarger at their request.

Thank you again for your letter and your concern.

Respectfully,

Rick Taggart  
President

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attachments

cc: Karen Christen  
Katie Wheelbarger