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CCTFA Responds to the Release of the Final Assessment on Triclosan

The Government of Canada, under its Chemical Management Plan (CMP), today released the long-awaited final assessment of triclosan. This antimicrobial has been the subject of an extensive review by the Government of Canada over the past several years with respect to both its human health and environmental safety.

The final assessment has concluded that triclosan "is not entering the environment in a quantity or concentration or under conditions that constitute or may constitute a danger in Canada to human life or health".

The assessment continues to identify the concern that triclosan may pose risk to some organisms in the aquatic environment. Consequently, it is being recommended that risk management measures be implemented with the objective of reducing the amount of triclosan released into the environment. The CCTFA is committed to working with the Government on the implementation of any required risk-management measures.

CCTFA President Darren Praznik, in responding to the release of the final assessment, stated that "The CCTFA is pleased that the Government of Canada has now completed its extensive review of triclosan with respect to both human health and environmental safety. This review was part of Canada's world-leading Chemicals Management Plan (CMP) which is charged with reviewing over 25,000 new and existing substances in use in Canada today. We believe that Canadians are best served when ingredient safety is assessed through a robust process, such as the CMP, and when decisions are based on sound-science and risk-assessment."

Praznik also noted that "there has been some media coverage related to the recent decision by the U.S. FDA to prohibit the marketing of antibacterial soaps and washes containing triclosan and/or several other ingredients. We understand that industry in the U.S. specifically did NOT submit safety data related to the use of triclosan for this limited category of products. Significant safety data on triclosan was submitted as part of the Canadian CMP process, which also considered the health concerns referenced by the U.S. FDA. Consequently, the U.S. FDA rule-making on antibacterial soaps and washes should NOT be considered as an equivalent assessment to Canada's very extensive CMP review of triclosan with respect to human safety."

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Government of Canada's Triclosan Fact-Sheet:

<http://www.healthycanadians.gc.ca/product-safety-securite-produits/chemicals-chimiques/health-sante/products-produits/triclosan-triclosan-eng.php>