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Via Next Day Courier

**RE: Citizen Petition No. 2005P-0432**

Triclosan has been shown by 35 years of scientific testing to be safe and effective for its intended uses as an antibacterial ingredient in nonprescription consumer products. There exists an extensive database to confirm that the product is effective and safe for humans and the environment.

Antibacterial products play an important role in overall hygiene and public health and consumers deserve a right to choose whether they want to use these products. With respect to this Citizens Petition the appropriate avenue for the US Food and Drug Administration to address issues related to all ingredients regulated as over-the-counter antiseptic drugs is through the Over-the-Counter Drug Review procedures, 21 C.F.R. Part 330, initiated by FDA in 1972. Ciba continues to work with industry initiatives to provide the FDA data and relevant information which confirms the safety and efficacy of triclosan in consumer and professional products in accordance with the OTC Drug Review. We hereby incorporate by reference in this Docket all data, information, and materials that are found in FDA Docket No. 75N-183H.

Sincerely,

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