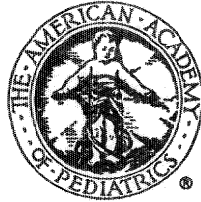


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RE: Vinyl chloride as an ingredient of
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(Federal register Vol. 39, No. 78,
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Dear Sir:

The American Academy of Pediatrics, which represents the largest organized group of pediatricians in the United States, is in favor of this proposal to ban vinyl chloride as propellant for cosmetics and drugs. Based on the toxic effects noted in animal studies, evidence that vinyl chloride may be associated with hepatic carcinoma, and the well known acute toxicity to humans from inhalation in high concentrations, the risk to children from this substance in the average home is excessive and unnecessary. We further recommend that retailers and consumers be alerted to the hazard and aerosol products containing vinyl chloride not be sold or used in homes where children reside or visit.

Sincerely,

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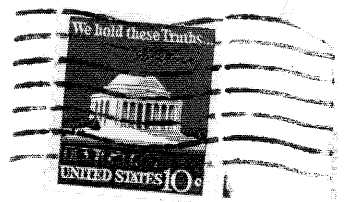
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