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Dear Dr. Stokes:

We are pleased to inform you, as required by the ICCVAM Authorization Act, that the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission) voted unanimously on January 28, 2008 to approve the recommendations of ICCVAM that for the purpose of classification and labeling, the bovine corneal opacity and permeability (BCOP) and the isolated chicken eye (ICE) test methods, with certain limitations using a weight-of-evidence and tiered-testing approach, can be used instead of the conventional ocular toxicity test, the Draize test, to determine the acute ocular toxicity hazard of chemicals. In the tiered-testing strategy, test substances that test positive by either the BCOP or the ICE test method can be classified as ocular corrosives or severe irritants without testing in animals. Consequently, the BCOP or the ICE can be used instead of the conventional ocular toxicity test for the purpose of classification for labeling under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act "FHSA" 15 U.S.C. §1261-1278. The briefing package sent to the Commission can be found on the Commission website (www.cpsc.gov) in the Library (FOIA) section at <http://www.cpsc.gov/library/foia/foia08/brief/ocular.pdf>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Stevenson".

Todd Stevenson