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To: Manufacturers of water treatment devices and interested parties

Re: Status of Applications for Registration

The purpose of this letter is to give you an update on the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Water Treatment Device Registration program and the status of applications for registration received to date. Here is the update:

1. Any existing water treatment device model that had a valid CDPH certificate as of December 31st, 2013 was included on the initial CDPH Registration listing initially posted in early January with minor updates since then.
2. For applications for registration already submitted to us for water treatment device models that had a valid CDPH certificates as of December 31st, 2013, such models will remain on the CDPH Internet Registration listing that is currently posted. These models will remain on the listing without interruption provided that we have received a completed application with registration fee along with an electronic version of the required documents.

Please note that upon initial receipt we may not perform a detailed review of submitted Product Data/Worksheets in detail. The detailed review will take place in the coming months. We do perform an initial review to verify that the documents appear to be complete. We expect that these documents for existing models already contain most required elements of the worksheet. We will let you know of any deficiencies noted. As applications are reviewed and found to be acceptable for listing, we will send you notification by email.

3. For manufacturers that have **NOT** submitted a complete application for registration by March 30, 2014, we will begin the process of dropping those models from the CDPH Internet Registration listing. We will notify manufacturers of models that we intend to drop from the Registration listing. Beginning on approximately April 30, 2014, the Registration listing will **ONLY** include models for which we have received a completed application. Models removed from the list will no longer be able to be sold legally in California until such time as the manufacturer obtains California registration.
4. For manufacturers that have submitted application for registration of **NEW** water treatment device models, please note the following:
 - a. For an application for initial registration received by us by March 7, 2014, we anticipate that the model will be included on the Registration listing by April 1, 2014, provided that the application meets applicable requirements.

- b. For new models added to the listing for the first time, we will send you a confirmation email notice of our approval of the application and posting on the Registration listing.
 - c. Following our initial acceptance of these new models on the Registration listing, we will perform a more detailed review of the Product Data/Worksheet documents and inform you of any deficiencies or issues we note with respect to your documentation.
5. For manufacturers that intend to submit an application for registration received by us after March 7, 2014, we anticipate that there will generally be a four week period between initial submittal and posting on the Internet Registration listing. This depends on the application being complete and meeting applicable requirements.
 6. We are working towards the posting of the detailed Product Datasheets/Worksheets to our website. Posting of these documents will begin sometime later this year. Please note that the required electronic versions of these documents should be submitted as individual pdf files ready for posting to the internet. Some applicants have grouped multiple documents into a single pdf which makes posting difficult.
 7. We have revised the Application for Registration to include a second page specific to new models for registration. You can view this document under "Information for Manufacturers" at www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/device/pages/watertreatmentdevices.aspx. Please use this form for any future applications especially for new models.

General Program Update

Under the revised program, we are spending more time identifying manufacturers who are not complying with the requirement for registration in California. We are monitoring the marketplace for devices with health-related product claims that are not registered. We are hopeful that such manufacturers will come into compliance with program requirements cooperatively.

We wish to clarify that applications for registration in California will be accepted at any time of the year. There is not a specific deadline. Any device with a health-related claim that is certified by an Independent Certification organization is eligible for registration in California subject to submittal of a completed application with required information.

We also wish to clarify that it is your responsibility to ensure that health-related claims on your advertising and internet postings are within the boundaries of your certified claims. We will let you know if we become aware of any concerns.

Related to consumer resources, we are working on improving the look and format of our Registration listing, as well as providing additional resources for consumer education. Under the revised program, we will be able to spend more time interacting with consumers seeking information on water treatment devices.

If you have questions, please contact LaVone Dyer at LaVone.Dyer@cdph.ca.gov or (916) 449-5635. Feel free to contact me or include me in the loop as you deem appropriate. My contact info is Mark.Bartson@cdph.ca.gov and (916) 449-5622.

Sincerely,



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