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Health Canada Reviews Children's Bubble Bath as Safe

In March 2009 the Campaign for Safe Cosmetics commissioned a study on the safety of children's bath products entitled "No More Toxic Tub" making the following very serious accusation:

Despite marketing claims like "gentle" and "pure," dozens of top-selling children's bath products are contaminated with the cancer-causing chemicals formaldehyde and 1,4-dioxane, according to product test results released today by the Campaign for Safe Cosmetics. The chemicals were not disclosed on product labels because contaminants are exempt from labeling laws.

The safety of personal care products is always a concern to the CCTFA and the safety of all products used by children should be a concern to everyone. The CCTFA believes strongly that concerns surrounding the safety of personal care products should always be thoroughly reviewed by the regulator (Health Canada) to ensure that all personal care products available on the market in Canada are safe when used as intended.

Health Canada has the responsibility and the legislative authority to take action should they have any concern regarding the safety of consumer products and they are internationally regarded as one of the most aggressive regulators in this field.

The Consumer Products Safety Bureau at Health Canada reviewed the report and responded back to the CCTFA in a letter dated April 28th, 2009 that stated, "Health Canada's Cosmetic Division does not consider the amounts of these substances presented in the report to pose a concern to health." The letter ended with the conclusion:

None of the amounts of formaldehyde or 1,4-dioxane presented in the Campaign for Safe Cosmetics report approached or exceeded Health Canada's limits for these ingredients. Therefore, based on the available information, there is no need for any regulatory intervention at this time. Health Canada will continue to monitor information on these substances as it becomes available to ensure that the cosmetic products on the market remain safe.

We thank Health Canada for their vigilant, continued service to Canadians, and understand that their sole mandate is to ensure the health and safety of our families.

The CCTFA will continue to work with Health and Environment Canada to ensure that all the products our companies sell to Canadians are safe when it comes to human health and impact on the environment.

CCTFA is the national association representing the Canadian cosmetic, toiletry, and fragrance industry. CCTFA's mission is "While playing a meaningful societal role, to encourage trust and confidence in the Canadian cosmetic, toiletry and fragrance industry and in the safety, efficacy and quality of its products." CCTFA and its member companies promote achievement of these goals by encouraging a close working relationship with governments, health-care professionals, and the consumer.