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Dr. C.W. Jameson
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RE: National Toxicology Program; Call for Public Comments on 10 Nominations, Proposed for Listing in the Report on Carcinogens, Eleventh Edition (68 Federal Register 3033): Diethanolamine

Dear Dr. Jameson:

The Cosmetic, Toiletry, and Fragrance Association (CTFA) is pleased to respond to the call for public comments on the subject of the listing of Diethanolamine in the 11th Report on Carcinogens, referenced above. CTFA is the U.S. national trade association representing the personal care products industry. CTFA is comprised of over 300 active members that produce the vast majority of the cosmetics distributed in the U.S., and that also produce many over-the-counter drugs designed for dermal application. The association also has over 300 associate members who provide raw materials and supplies and services to the industry. Many of CTFA's members are global companies that do business internationally as well.

Diethanolamine-based ingredients are used within the personal care products industry, hence, the review for listing in the Report on Carcinogens is of substantial interest to our members. We have previously submitted information and views regarding the proposed listing of Diethanolamine in response to calls for public comment.

It is not our intention to reiterate the information we have previously presented, as this information can be found in the docket. Instead we are writing to support the decisions of the National Toxicology Program review groups that have already determined that Diethanolamine should not be included in the Report on Carcinogens. We believe that the reviews were well conducted, and that the decisions reached were based on the best scientific assessments of the data available.

As always, we stand ready to clarify any of the information we have presented, at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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