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From: Kusnick, Chelsea (SPAC/PSPC)
Sent: June 17, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Lockington, Elliott (SPAC/PSPC); Laycock, Tristan (SPAC/PSPC)
Subject: RE: Weekly Call with Parliamentary Secretary

Got a few lines from health on industrial grade ethanol. Not exactly the same, but I think we can add these:

- If the Health Canada department identifies **additional** products or manufacturers using ethanol that does not meet requirements, they will take appropriate action.
- The Health Canada website has information on recalls and is updated regularly, as the department becomes aware of affected products. We encourage Canadians to check it if they have concerns.

These are the lines I got from them:

COVID-19 – HAND SANITIZER RECALL

- On June 6, Health Canada issued a recall for certain hand sanitizers that contain industrial-grade ethanol
- Industrial-grade ethanol can be **harmful** if not used properly, and is **not approved** for use in hand sanitizers.
- My department has listed the recalled products on our website. Should you have any of the listed products, **stop using them**
- If you have used these products and have concerns about your health, please contact your healthcare professional.

If pressed:

- Health Canada has directed companies to **stop selling** these products. They are monitoring impacted companies' recalls.
- If the department identifies **additional** products or manufacturers using ethanol that does not meet requirements, they will take appropriate action.
- Our website with information on recalls is updated regularly, as the department becomes aware of affected products. We encourage Canadians to check it if they have concerns.

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Does health have comments or lines on this?

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From: "Kusnick, Chelsea (SPAC/PSPC)" <chelsea.kusnick@canada.ca>

Date: 2020-06-16 10:56 a.m. (GMT-05:00)

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Here's what I have prepped to send to Vignola (but in French):

Regarding your concerns from last week's procurement update about the government's purchase of hand sanitizer that contains technical-grade ethanol, there are issues surrounding a company that received a contract.

Fluid Energy Group was issued a contract to produce hand sanitizer. There were concerns raised surrounding the risk information provided. As such, the company has made updates to the risk information on product labels and on their website. They have also reached out to their customers to let them know about the changes.

Health Canada has conducted an assessment of the risks and benefits of using specific sources of technical-grade ethanol in hand sanitizers and determined that, if used directly and for a limited period, the public health benefits outweigh the risks.

Let me know what you think before I send it off. I'll cc Steve in the email.

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Sent: June 16, 2020 10:08 AM

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Hi Chelsea,

During the Critic's Call with the Parliamentary Secretary last Thursday, one of the opposition members made reference to hand sanitizers with the wrong alcohol/ethanol content. The PS asked for follow-up within PSPC to see if the Government of Canada was the purchaser of that product. Acquisition Branch stated that a formal tasking on this one was not sent from Parl. Affairs but provided the attached fact sheet in response.

Thanks,

David Lord

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