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From: Gordon2, Travis (HC/SC)
Sent: June 17, 2020 9:51 AM
To: MacKnight, Aisling (HC/SC); Kusnick, Chelsea (SPAC/PSPC)
Subject: RE: Lines on ethanol content in hand sanitizers

Thanks Ash. Just for Chelsea's benefit I will clarify that these lines relate to industrial-grade ethanol, an ethanol we have **not** approved for use in hand sanitizers. We subsequently began a recall of affected products.

Thanks,
Travis

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Subject: RE: Lines on ethanol content in hand sanitizers

Hi folks, this is what I have:

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.

Not sure if this fits your needs – let me know

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Subject: RE: Lines on ethanol content in hand sanitizers

Hi Chelsea,

I'm adding our issues advisor Ash here who may be able to help. Not sure if we presently have lines on TGE.

If we did, they would likely say something along the lines of: "Recognizing the significant supply constraints for hand sanitizer made with traditional ethanol inputs, Health Canada has temporarily authorized the use of technical grade ethanol in hand sanitizers as an interim measure. The measure is time-limited and we are actively working to reduce the level of impurities in the product of TGE suppliers."

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

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Subject: Lines on ethanol content in hand sanitizers

Hi Travis,

Wondering if you can help me track down some of your lines on the issues with technical-grade ethanol in hand sanitizers. One of our critics has asked whether we purchased products from a supplier using this ethanol and I was hoping to add some lines from you if available.

Let me know.

Thank you!

Chelsea