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To: Antiperspirant and
Deodorant Manufacturers

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APDO Ethanol Exemption Changes

On September 28, 1995, the California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) held a duly noticed public hearing and approved amendments to Subchapter 8.5, Consumer Products; Article 1, Antiperspirants and Deodorants (APDO), Sections 94500-94506, Title 17, California Code of Regulations to exempt ethanol from the medium volatile organic compound (MVOC) standard in the APDO regulation. Previously this exemption was only available to existing products. The amendments will not be legally effective until the Office of Administrative Law approves them. During the time that it takes to go through the approval process, the ARB Compliance Division (CD) will not pursue enforcement action with respect to ethanol content based on the regulation as it existed before the amendments.

However, if for some reason the amendments to the regulation are not approved, CD will renew enforcement action. It is unlikely that the regulation will not be approved but you need to proceed with caution. Current enforcement action (begun prior to the Board's decision) will not be dismissed without review.

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