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Compliance Division

Advisory

To: Consumer Products
Distributors and Retailers

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Expiration of Variance for 3M Aerosol Fabric Protectant

The purpose of this advisory is to alert distributors and retailers of the expiration on September 30, 1996 of the variance granted to 3M for noncompliant Scotchgard™ Fabric Protector.

The Air Resources Board (ARB) enacted a regulation limiting the volatile organic compound (VOC) content of fabric protectors to 75%, effective January 1, 1995. The ARB granted 3M a variance to continue selling product that exceeded this limit while the firm introduced a low-VOC, compliant product into the marketplace. This variance expired on September 30, 1996.

The ARB requests the support and assistance of all California retailers and distributors in the effort to prevent and detect the sale and supply of the noncompliant product. Any retailer or distributor finding old product should please call 3M at 1-800-367-7683 for instructions on how to return the noncompliant product and obtain new low-VOC replacement product.

Note: the new low-VOC Scotchgard™ Fabric Protector may be recognized by the label, which says: "New! Virtually Odor Free." The new product is identified by either catalog no. 4101-W or 4101-WBS, and is in 14- or 18.5-oz cans. The noncompliant product is identified by catalog no. 4101, and is in ten- or 13-oz cans.

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