

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE FROM THE CALIFORNIA CONSUMER PRODUCT REGULATIONS

At the direction of the Executive Officer of the California Air Resources Board, a public hearing will be conducted at the time and place noted below to consider an application for a variance from the Regulation for Reducing Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Antiperspirants and Deodorants (the "APDO Regulation"; title 17, California Code of Regulations, sections 94500-94506.5) and the Regulation for Reducing Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Consumer Products (the "Consumer Products Regulation"; title 17, California Code of Regulations, sections 94507-94517)(collectively, "the Regulations").

DATE: March 18, 2005
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
PLACE: California Environmental Protection Agency
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Section 94502(a) of the APDO Regulation specifies volatile organic compound limits for antiperspirants and deodorants. These limits include a 40 percent by weight high volatility organic compound (HVOC) limit for aerosol antiperspirants. This limit is contained in section 94502(a)(2) of the APDO Regulation and has been in effect since January 1, 2001.

Section 94509(a) of the Consumer Products Regulation specifies volatile organic compound (VOC) limits for various categories of consumer products. These limits include a 75 percent by weight VOC limit for personal fragrance products with 20 percent or less fragrance, which became effective January 1, 1999.

Sections 94505 and 94514 of the Regulations allow any person who cannot comply with the requirements of section 94502, or 94509, because of extraordinary reasons beyond the person's reasonable control, to apply to the Executive Officer for a variance. The criteria and procedures for granting a variance are specified in sections 94505 and 94514 of the Regulations.

The applicant listed below has applied for a variance under section 94505 from the 40 percent HVOC limit for aerosol antiperspirants. The applicant has also applied for a variance under section 94514 from the 75 percent VOC limit for personal fragrance products with 20 percent or less fragrance.


The Procter & Gamble Company
11511 Reed Hartman Highway
Cincinnati, OH 45241-9974

The public hearing to consider the variance application will be conducted in accordance with procedures set forth in sections 94505 and 94514 of the Regulations. At the hearing, the applicant will be asked to present evidence demonstrating that the criteria for granting a variance have been met. Interested members of the public will be allowed a reasonable opportunity to testify at the hearing. All parties may, but need not, be represented by counsel at the hearing. Subsequent to the hearing, the Executive Officer shall determine whether, under what conditions, and to what extent a variance is necessary and will be permitted.

If you have a disability-related accommodation need, please go to <http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/ada/ada.htm> for assistance or contact the ADA Coordinator at (916) 323-4916. If you are a person who needs assistance in a language other than English, please contact the Bilingual Coordinator at (916) 324-5049. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

Copies of the Regulations and variance application may be obtained from the Public Information Office, California Air Resources Board, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814, (916) 322-2990, at least 30 days prior to the scheduled hearing. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Ms. Carla Takemoto, Manager, Technical Evaluation Section, Stationary Source Division, California Air Resources Board, P.O. Box 2815, Sacramento, California 95812, (916) 324-8028.

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Catherine Witherspoon
Executive Officer

Date: February 16, 2005