



U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
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Steven J. Goldberg
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Dear Mr. Goldberg:

Thank you for your letter of November 29, 2011, regarding the Chronic Hazard Advisory Panel (CHAP) on phthalates and phthalate alternatives. I would like to assure you that all information on Hexamoll® DINCH™ and dipropylheptyl phthalate (DPHP) that your company submitted to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has been provided to the CHAP members, is part of the administrative record, and has been posted on the CPSC website at: <http://www.cpsc.gov/about/cpsia/chapmain.html>. I also wish to express our appreciation to Dr. Patrick Harmon for generously sharing his knowledge of plasticizer properties and uses during a meeting with CPSC staff on June 22, 2009, and at CHAP meetings.

As you are probably aware, during the July 2010 CHAP meeting, Dr. Rainer Otter, Head of Regulatory Toxicology, BASF, denied the CHAP's request to provide copies of the underlying toxicity studies on which your company's summary submissions on DINCH and DPHP are based. Because the summaries lacked sufficient detail on the methods used and data results, the CHAP requested the underlying studies so that they could independently assess and draw conclusions concerning DINCH or DPHP.

If you have any additional questions about the CHAP, please feel free to contact me at: mbabich@cpsc.gov, or 301-504-7253.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael A. Babich". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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