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Dear Mr. Dallaire:

## RE: TidyFoam Antibacterial Hand Soap

This is in reference to your letter of March 2, 2009, concerning a submission made by Kutol Products Company seeking acceptance for use of the subject product in Federally Registered Food Establishments.

Based on additional information submitted on the subject product, we can advise that we see no reason to object to its use as a hand cleaner by the employees handling food products in food plants provided that:

- a) there will be no contamination of food as a result of its use:
- b) after use, hands are thoroughly rinsed with potable water before handling food in the plant, as specified on the label; and
- c) the product will not leave any residual fragrance on the hands of employees handling food.



We recommend a cautionary statement as in a) above or "Avoid contamination of food during application and storage" to be added to the label of the subject product.

It should be noted that under "Directions" on the labels of these products, it is written that the products are intended to be used "to decrease bacteria on skin". According to our current guideline, human-use antiseptic products used in food premises and having therapeutic effect (preventing or controlling diseases by reduction of organisms on skin) is considered to be a drug under Food and Drugs Act. Such application is under consideration of the Therapeutic Products Directorate. Therefore, our comments above are only valid if the company contacts the Therapeutic Products Directorate (TPD), Nonprescription Drug Evaluation Division for their evaluation by the following address:

Nonprescription Drug Evaluation Division Therapeutic Product Directorate (TPD) 101 Tunney's Pasture Driveway Address Locator: 0202A Ottawa, Ontario

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We trust that the foregoing will be of use to you.

Yours truly.

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