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EPA and Disinfectant Manufacturers Collaborate to Provide Clarity on Which Products Can Kill and Stop the Spread of COVID-19

Washington D.C. – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Andrew Wheeler hosted a series of calls today with large and small disinfectant manufacturers, including members of the Household & Commercial Products Association (HCPA), such as Clorox, Procter & Gamble, Henkel, RB, Stepan and Sterilex. Click [here](#) to read the EPA’s press release about Administrator Wheeler’s discussions with disinfectant manufacturers.

“Today’s calls were extremely productive and demonstrate the importance of public and private sector collaboration, not only in times of great stress, but every day,” said EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler. “Our collaboration is critical to slowing the spread of this virus, keeping us safe and healthy. By expediting reviews – both in labeling familiar products, and by approving new products for market – we’re aiding American families and communities across America.”

In 2016, HCPA members were instrumental in working with the EPA to accelerate the availability of disinfectant products during a public health crisis by helping to establish the Emerging Viral Pathogens claims process. Today, almost 300 products have been added to the list of EPA-registered disinfectant products for use against COVID-19 (List N).

“Knowing that you are using the most effective products is critically important when you are trying to protect your family,” said HCPA President & CEO Steve Caldeira. “We encourage everyone to check the product against EPA’s list by finding the registration number on the product label. Read the label, follow the directions and pay attention to how long the product should stay on the surface you’re cleaning.

HCPA applauds the EPA for working so hard to provide consumers and manufacturers an expeditious and transparent means to identify effective products to mitigate this increasingly challenging public health crisis.”

Follow the steps below to know if the product you want to use to fight COVID-19 is on List N.

1. Check the EPA Reg. No. on the product’s label, usually on the back toward the bottom.
2. Compare the EPA Reg. No. on the product’s label with the EPA registration number on [List N](#).
3. If the EPA Reg. No. on the product’s label matches the EPA registration number on List N, the product can be used to kill and stop the spread of COVID-19.
4. Products may be marketed and sold under different brand names, but if they have the same first two sets of EPA registration numbers, they are related products. For example, if EPA Reg. No. 123-45 is on List N, you can buy EPA Reg. No. 123-45-678 and use the same contact time directions according to List N.

Click [here](#) for more information about List N and identifying products that can fight COVID-19.

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About HCPA

The Household & Commercial Products Association (HCPA) is the premier trade association representing companies that manufacture and sell \$180 billion annually of familiar and trusted products used for cleaning, protecting, maintaining, and disinfecting homes and commercial environments. HCPA member companies employ 200,000 people in the U.S. whose work helps consumers and workers to create cleaner, healthier and more productive lives.