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## **The EPA Increases Availability of Active Ingredients in Disinfectant Products for Use Against COVID-19**

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Washington D.C. – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced today that it is taking further action to help ease the production and availability of EPA-registered disinfectants. The EPA will temporarily allow manufacturers of already-registered disinfectant products to obtain certain active ingredients from alternative suppliers without first checking with the Agency. This only applies to products on EPA’s List N: Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2, and comes after last week’s [announcement](#) of similar action for certain inert ingredients, such as sodium chloride and glucose. Click [here](#) to read the EPA’s press release about this new amendment.

The goal is to help alleviate supply chain disruptions for manufacturers, so that consumers and workers continue to have access to the disinfectant products on [List N](#), which can be used against COVID-19. Previously, manufacturers needed approval from the EPA regarding a change of supplier. Now, manufacturers can get certain active ingredients, including Citric Acid, Ethanol, Glycolic Acid, Hydrochloric Acid, Hypochlorous Acid, Hydrogen Peroxide, L-Lactic Acid and Sodium Chlorite, from alternative suppliers, notify the EPA about the change, and immediately start production.

“We commend the EPA for acting quickly to remove regulatory barriers during these unprecedented times,” said Steve Caldeira, President & CEO of the Household & Commercial Products Association (HCPA). “The EPA’s continued engagement with disinfectant manufacturers will remain critically important as we all work together to protect the public health.”

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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.