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HCPA Commends EPA for Increasing Transparency for Inert Ingredients in Antimicrobial Products

Washington D.C. – The Household & Commercial Products Association (HCPA) commends the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for <u>implementing a new policy</u> to allow registrants of antimicrobial pesticides to disclose all inert ingredients by following a QR code or website link on a product's label. This is part of the Agency's ongoing commitment to increase transparency.

"Now more than ever, consumers want to know what ingredients make up the products they use to clean and disinfect their homes," said Steve Caldeira, President & CEO, HCPA. "This action by the EPA makes it easier for consumers to access that information. We appreciate the Agency's continued commitment to transparency, and hope this will ultimately allow manufacturers to list ingredients on a product's label if they choose."

An inert ingredient is any substance other than the active ingredient that is intentionally included in a pesticide product. Inert ingredients play a key role in the effectiveness of a pesticide, including extending the product's shelf life.

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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 trusted and familiar 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.