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RE: Emerging Viral Pathogens claim on Peroxide Multi Surface Cleaner and Disinfectant

To Whom It May Concern:

Coronaviruses are a group of viruses that cause respiratory illnesses of varying severity in humans and animals. Periodically, new coronaviruses emerge that are different from others previously identified in humans. 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) was identified by Chinese public health authorities and has infected thousands of people with over 400 reported deaths to date.[1]

The EPA has established guidance by which disinfectant manufacturers can communicate the effectiveness of hard surface disinfectants against emerging viral pathogens such as 2019-nCoV.[2] This guidance provides manufacturers an opportunity to address public concerns by permitting limited claims about their product's efficacy against such pathogens once the EPA confirms the product meets the eligibility criteria outlined in the guidance. In accordance with this guidance, Ecolab submitted several disinfectant products to EPA to confirm the products meet the eligibility criteria for use against 2019-nCoV.

Peroxide Multi Surface Cleaner and Disinfectant, EPA Reg. No. 1677-238, has an EPA-approved emerging viral pathogens claim on the master label. This means this product has demonstrated effectiveness against viruses similar to and harder to kill than 2019-nCoV on hard, non-porous surfaces and can therefore be used against 2019-nCoV when used in accordance with the directions for use against any of the approved supporting viruses.

On March 13, 2020 US EPA updated a list of products for use during the COVID-19 outbreak (List N). An error was made on the list regarding the recommended contact time for Ecolab's Peroxide Multi Surface Cleaner and Disinfectant. This error was acknowledged by EPA on March 16, 2020 and will be rectified once the list is updated. **Ecolab continues to recommend that customers follow the disinfection directions for Norovirus during the COVID-19 outbreak, which requires a 45 second contact when diluted in water of up to 200 ppm hardness or 2 min contact time when diluted in water of up to 400 ppm hardness.**

Refer to the product label for additional directions for use and contact your Ecolab representative with any questions.

Regards,

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