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OFFICE OF PESTICIDES AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES

MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT: Addendum to the Review of B. Dementi on the 90-Day

Subchronic Study with Didecyldimethylammonium Chloride

in the Rat. EPA Identification No. 069149.

Project No.: 0-0376 Tox. Chem. No.: 331A Record No.: 256551

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Background:

The 90 day study with the antimicrobial coumpound, didecyldimethylammonium chloride, was reviewed by B.

Dementi, TB1, and was concluded to be core

supplementary in classification based on possible effects on the lymph nodes in female test animals.

Conclusions:

After further consultation with both regional consulting laboratory pathologists and the EPA contract consulting pathologist, this reviewer reports that this finding is usually not limited to females of this specie of test animal. In addition these lymph node aggregates are seen very often in control animals.

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As a result of these consultations, Toxicology Branch does not consider the incidence of these effects to be treatment related. Therefore, further evaluation of the test animals by the registrant is not required.

The Toxicology Branch therefore can establish that the systemic toxicity NOEL is greater than 12mg/kg/day. The only apparent toxicity is that of dermal irritation with an LOEL of 2 mg/kg/day (LDT).

This study fulfills the guideline requirement of 82-3.