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Re: Intent to List SNAP Determination for HCR-188C as a Refrigerant for Use in White Goods

Dear Mr. Maruya:

Thank you for your submission to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on HCR-188C in White Goods. EPA established the Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) program to implement section 612 of the Clean Air Act. Your SNAP submission was complete as of September 18, 2008. Provided we receive no information to the contrary, we intend to propose a listing for HCR-188C in White Goods as a substitute in the refrigeration and air conditioning sector in the end uses listed below with use conditions.

EPA's SNAP Program anticipates sending a proposed rule, allowing the conditional use of HCR 188C in the end uses listed below, for federal interagency review by the middle of 2009. After the requisite review, the SNAP proposal on HCR-188C in White Goods would then be published in the *Federal Register* for public comment. If there are any questions on the use conditions under development or the rulemaking process, we encourage you and any interested potential users of HCR-188C to contact the Agency.

Information on your substitute is summarized below:

Substitute name: HCR-188C

Substance(s) the substitute will replace: CFC-12

Sector: Refrigeration and Air Conditioning

End-uses:

- Household refrigerators and freezers
- Residential and light commercial air conditioning (window units only)

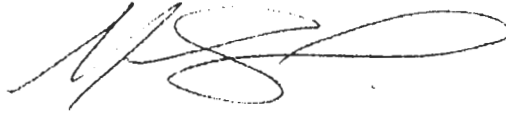
New or retrofit usage: new

Preliminary determination: acceptable subject to use conditions

You may sell HCR-188C in the uses listed above as of December 16, 2008, pending the Agency's final listing. Sale of HCR-188C is limited to the uses listed above. Note that once EPA's decision is final, use of HCR-188C in the end uses listed above will require compliance with the final rule including any and all use conditions.

If you have questions about your submission or SNAP's process for listing a decision on HCR-188C for White Goods, please contact me at (202) 343-9337.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MS', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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cc. Gary Whitmyre, Whitmyre Research