



Resolution No. 022-98-COE - October 13, 1998

Antimicrobials Review

URGING REVIEW OF ANTIMICROBIAL AGENTS

WHEREAS, Chapter 39 of the City of San Francisco Administrative Code directs the Commission on the Environment to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on whether, and if so to what extent, the City should include antimicrobial agents in its Integrated Pest Management (IPM) policy; and

WHEREAS, after consideration and discussion, the Commission on the Environment would like to replace the IPM-related resolution adopted by the Commission on June 9, 1998 (File No. 014-98-COE) with the following resolution; and

WHEREAS, a staff report was submitted to the Board of Supervisors along with the earlier IPM-related resolution; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Commission on the Environment recommends that antimicrobial agents should be included in the City's IPM policy; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission on the Environment recommends the following extent of inclusion:

- A. That the definition of antimicrobial agents be: "products that are registered with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) as pesticides that are used to kill microbes";
- B. That antimicrobial uses that were granted blanket exemptions under Chapter 39 continue to be exempted;
- C. That blanket exemptions be extended to cover antimicrobial uses to control pathogenic microorganisms in the treatment of water and facility heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) cooling water systems and public fountains, in addition to the existing blanket exemption for antimicrobial uses in drinking water treatment plants, wastewater treatment facilities, public swimming pools and health care facilities;
- D. That for all other antimicrobial agents that were originally exempted from the ordinance only until January 1, 1999, that such antimicrobial agents continue to be exempted for one additional year, until January 1, 2000; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission on the Environment evaluate the City's current use of antimicrobial agents and identify recommendations on less-toxic alternatives to reduce antimicrobial uses consistent with public health and safety; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission on the Environment urges the Board of Supervisors to direct the City's departments, agencies and programs to work cooperatively with the Department of the Environment to develop recommendations to reduce antimicrobial uses; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of the Environment coordinate with the Toxics Reduction Program to develop preliminary and practical recommendations for submission to the Commission by July 1, 1999, regarding possible ways in which the City can reduce antimicrobial uses; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission on the Environment urges the Board of Supervisors to amend the existing Integrated Pest Management Ordinance to reflect the recommendations of this resolution.

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Commission on the Environment at its special regular meeting in the Mission District on October 13, 1998.

Christopher Chow
Commission Secretary

Ayes: Commissioners Eng, Evans, Krefting, Okamoto, Richardson, Russell, and Vietor.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.