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Dockets Management Branch
The Food and Drug Administration
Department of Health and Human Services, Rm. 1-23
12420 Parklawn Dr.
Rockville, MD 20857

Re: Docket Number: 99P-1340/CP 1
Petition the FDA Have Calvin Klein's Eternity eau de
parfum declared "misbranded"

Dear Sir or Madam:

In May, 1999, the Environmental Health Network (EHN) submitted the
above petition to have Calvin Klein's "Eternity eau de parfum" declared
misbranded. I am writing because I fully support this petition and request
that the FDA give it careful attention with regard to your regulations
21CFR Sec. 740.1, 21CFR Sec. 740.2, and 21CFR Sec. 740.10.
Regulation 21CFR Sec. 740.10 specifically states:

"Each ingredient used in a cosmetic product and each finished
cosmetic product shall be adequately substantiated for safety prior
to marketing. Any such ingredient or product whose safety is not
adequately substantiated prior to marketing is misbranded unless it
contains the following conspicuous statement on the principal
display panel:

"Warning--The safety of this product has not been determined."

As the petition shows, "Eternity" contains toxic ingredients and ingredients
whose safety have not been substantiated. There is no warning label on its
packaging.

We all have a right to know the status of safety testing of the ingredients in
products such as "Eternity" so that we can protect ourselves and our
families from toxic chemicals that may cause health problems. Most
people are not aware that most fragrance materials have only limited
safety testing. They wrongfully assume these products are safe to use in
any setting and are surprised when people complain.

Like tobacco smoke, the harmful chemicals currently used in these
products may affect the health of many people, including: people with
asthma, chemical sensitivities, chronic fatigue, and other environmental
illnesses. Children are particularly vulnerable to toxic chemicals found in
products purchased and used by their parents, caregivers and teachers.
When I am exposed to fragrance products, such as "Eternity," I
experience:

When I am exposed to fragrance products I can experience any of the
following symptoms based upon the chemical fragrance product I
encounter:

- anaphylaxis/shock
- double vision
- incoherence
- nausea
- anxiety, restlessness
- ear pain
- incontinence
- nose bleeds
- asthma
- eczema
- irritability
- rashes
- breathing difficulty
- eyes, watery or dry
- joint aches
- seizures
- bronchitis

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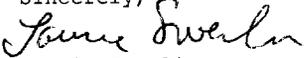
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fatigue
 laryngitis
 short-term mem. loss
 can't concentrate
 flushing
 lethargy
 sinusitis
 coughing
 headaches
 lymph nodes swell
 sneezing
 depression
 heart beat irregularity
 mood swings
 sores, skin/mouth
 disorientation
 hives
 muscle pain/weakness
 swallowing difficulty
 dizziness
 hypertension
 nasal congestion
 tinnitus
 other:

Please act on behalf of the millions of people who have suffered physical illness and injury resulting from fragrance exposure at work, at school and in social settings. These toxic chemicals act as powerful barriers to people disabled by asthma and chemical sensitivities. Toxic chemicals in fragrances have already ruined countless lives.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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