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Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, Maryland 20852

Re: Docket Number 96N-0277

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is sent on behalf of BASF in support of their UVB absorber Uvinul T-150, which is also known as octyl triazone. While Johnson & Johnson Consumer Products Company has no experience with this ingredient, we are aware of the limited choices available for sunscreen actives. With this in mind, we are fully supportive of the efforts of BASF in their Time & Extent Application (TEA) to add another choice to the sunscreen monograph.

The reason that we are supportive of the BASF TEA is because additional sunscreen actives allow consumer companies such as Johnson & Johnson Consumer Companies, Inc. to develop more options for the consumer. The aesthetics and sunscreen protection vary among the actives. To obtain the desired SPF, frequently, the formulation contains the maximal amount allowed for a combination of active ingredients. Sunscreen protection offers an extremely important benefit to the consumer, and an addition active ingredient would allow the consumer more choices.

Please expedite the review of the BASF TEA as you give it your careful consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen K. Wille". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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