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DuPont™ Teflon® Advanced Carpet Care is Safe for its Intended Uses

Dear Member of the Carpet Care Industry,

It has come to our attention that you may have received a document questioning the safety of DuPont™ Teflon® Advanced Carpet Care products from the United Steelworkers International Union (USW).

As you may be aware, in May, the USW merged with another union, the Paper, Allied-Industrial, Chemical and Energy (PACE) union. In 2003, the PACE union announced and began a "Corporate Campaign" against DuPont. They have pursued this campaign on many fronts in hopes of bargaining at the corporate level, rather than locally at the sites they represent. They have used news releases, handbills, rallies, local newspaper ads, advertising on the sides of buses and this action. In their recent document, USW singles out Teflon® Advanced Carpet Care (without mentioning any other companies and their fluorotelomer products). We believe that this is just another example of their announced Corporate Campaign against DuPont disguised as a safety issue.

Their document does not accurately reflect the facts. Teflon® Advanced Carpet Care is safe for its intended uses. As a company with a long-standing and well-known commitment to product safety, and a global leader in fluorochemistry, DuPont is eager to set the record straight.

DuPont uses fluorotelomer chemistry to produce DuPont™ Teflon® Advanced Carpet Care. DuPont fluorotelomer chemistry is not made with, nor does it use, PFOA in the manufacturing process. However, PFOA is an unintended reaction byproduct that may be present at trace levels in some DuPont fluorotelomer-based products.

With respect to PFOA, the EPA has said: "at the present time, EPA does not believe there is any reason for consumers to stop using any consumer or industrial related products that contain PFOA."

The Consumer Article Study referenced by the USW document in fact reaffirmed that the company's materials, including this family of carpet care products, are safe to use. The objective of the study was to understand and assess the risk of potential exposure to PFOA

that may occur through consumer use of certain articles made with or using DuPont materials. To assure accuracy and provide the most reliable test results, consumer articles were assessed using extremely conservative exposure models. The study focused on a wide variety of ways consumers and carpet care professionals could be exposed to PFOA, including through the skin, in the air, and orally. The margins-of-safety for all products tested ranged from 30,000 to over 9 billion – this dramatically exceeds the 100 to 1,000 margin-of-safety levels typically used by regulatory agencies. The full article has been published in the June 1st issue of “Environmental Science and Technology.”

Based on existing scientific data, DuPont believes that PFOA exposure does not pose any health risk to the general public. To date no human health effects are known to be caused by PFOA even in workers who have significantly higher exposure levels than the general population.

DuPont is conducting an employee health study on PFOA and partial results indicate that there is no association between PFOA exposure and most of the health parameters that were measured. The only potentially relevant association is a modest increase in some, but not all, cholesterol fractions in some of the highest exposed workers. It is unclear if this association is caused by PFOA exposure or is related to some other variable. DuPont is consulting with medical and other scientific experts to design and conduct appropriate follow up testing.

We are focused on the ongoing safety of our products and the success of our customers’ businesses. DuPont’s commitment to our customers is stronger than ever. We believe that fluorotelomers provide a valuable benefit to society. We will continue to provide sound chemistry that is backed by fact-based product testing and a commitment to safety that spans the over 200-year-old history that has made DuPont the company our customers know they can trust.

We continue to invest in enhancements to our product offerings for the carpet care market, and we hope that over the long-term you will choose us as your preferred supplier. For additional information on PFOA, I encourage you to visit the Environmental Protection Agency website, <http://www.epa.gov/oppt/pfoa/pfoainfo.htm>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry E. Bryndza". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "H" and a stylized "B".

Henry E. Bryndza
Technology Director