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Trivia!

What does Cube Out mean?
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Industry News

FDA Final Ruling on Antiseptic Wash Products

On September 2, 2016, the FDA issued a final ruling that over-the-counter (OTC) consumer antiseptic wash products that contain certain active ingredients can no longer be marketed. Manufacturers of these antibacterial washes failed to demonstrate the ingredients were safe for long-term daily use and were not any more effective than plain soap and water. The final rule applies to 19 specific active ingredients, including the most commonly used ingredients – triclosan and triclocarban. These products are to be used with water and rinsed off after use. “This rule does not affect consumer hand ‘sanitizers’ or wipes, or antibacterial products used in the health care settings.”

In 2013, the FDA issued a proposed rule when data indicated that long-term exposure to certain active ingredients in antibacterial products used in liquid soaps (triclosan) and bar soaps (triclocarban) could pose health risks. The FDA required data from OTC manufacturers of antibacterial products that the products were safe and effective if they wanted to continue production. Antibacterial hand and body wash manufacturers did not provide the necessary data for the 19 active ingredients addressed in the final ruling. FDA has deferred ruling on benzalkonium chloride and chloroxylenol (PCMX) for one year - “to allow for the development and submission of new safety and effectiveness data for these ingredients. Consumer antibacterial washes containing these specific ingredients may be marketed during this time while data are being collected.” Good ole soap and water still remains the best way to avoid getting sick and prevent the spread of germs. ■

U.S. Food & Drug Administration News & Events, 9/2/2016

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Recent Savings

Windshield Washer Fluid & Antifreeze

Savings were over 29% of total spend. ■

Bakery Cases

Savings were over 17% of total spend. ■

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How Flooding in Southwest Louisiana has Affected the Rice Crop

More than 20 inches of rain fell in Southwest Louisiana in mid-August. Twenty-nine parishes requested disaster declarations. “Estimating the value of damage to the rice crop in southwest Louisiana will not be easy since, at this point everything seems to be constantly changing” said Dustin Harrell, Research Agronomist & Extension Rice Specialist at Louisiana State University.

A rather speculative estimate of loss is \$14.3 million in the southwest Louisiana rice crop. This estimate does not include ratoon (“sprout”) rice losses. Farmers throughout the affected areas reported various degrees of damage. Approximately 50% to 75% of the first rice crop was completed, but with flooded fields, the second rice crop could be “toast or teal” [duck] food. ■

[USA Rice, Deborah Willenborg, 8/16/16](#)

Shipping Ports Feeling the Squeeze

Truckers, railroad workers, and dockworkers that geared up this summer for an increase of retail goods passing through U.S. ports hasn’t occurred. Heading into peak season, ports on both coasts are flat. Various ports from New York to

California have spent billions of dollars upgrading equipment and deepening harbors to handle the large shipping vessels to handle the expected imports that have yet to materialize. “Shipping lines are scrapping vessels and cutting back service on unprofitable routes. Trucking companies bought tens of thousands of new big rigs as recently as 2015, many of which sit idle today.” Many truck drivers have expressed the fact that they have never seen it so slow. Running flat may be the new growth! If this trend holds, it will make two years in a row without the traditional peak. This is a direct effect of companies such as J.C. Penney, Target Corp, and Lowe’s slimming down their supply chain rather than stores brimming with merchandise. Retailers are shipping to warehouses where they can quickly ship to stores and fulfill online orders. Despite strong consumer spending, which rose for the fourth month in July, freight volumes are stagnating. The problem with retailers is that more money is spent online, or on entertainment, or on services such as health care. Many companies have been stuck with large amounts of product in warehouses that has not sold. Some analysts predict retailers will place more last-minute orders closer to the holidays which could make up for the softness of imports those ports are experiencing now. If that is the case, those orders generally are shipped by the fastest means possible – via air. ■ [Erica E. Phillips and Robbie Whelan, WSJ, 8/30/16](#)

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Trivia! From July 2016 Issue What does ISO mean?

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