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To whom it may concern,

NTA

NTA is the abbreviation for Nitrilotriacetic Acid which, in the form of its sodium salts, has been in use as a chelating agent for more than 50 years. Chelating agents are used in many detergent products and are used to bind metal salts in hard water areas which aids the detergent action of the product. They are particularly important in vehicle cleaning products as they also help eliminate the presence of water spotting when drying.

In June 2009, the EU Directive on the classification, labelling and packaging of substances was amended to reflect a new classification of NTA. Based on research by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), the classification of NTA and its salts was revised to include the phrase "Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect". Under the EU Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Substances and Mixtures Regulations, this phrase became "Suspected of causing cancer".

During the research it was found that when administered in high doses in the diet, NTA induced benign and malignant tumours of the urinary system (kidney, ureter and bladder) in rats of each sex and through oral administration to male rats, high doses of NTA and its trisodium salt increased the incidence of urinary-tract tumours.

Under the regulations, any product containing 5% or more NTA or its salts would be required to carry a "health hazard" pictogram and the new phrase and above 1% would require a declaration on the Safety Data Sheet. However, in accordance with our Design and Health & Safety policies, Autoglym elected to undertake a program to completely remove NTA and its salts from our products. This was not only to protect the end user of our products, but also our own staff in manufacturing through to the Technical Services Specialists and our franchisee network.

Autoglym are therefore proud to state that none of our products contain NTA or its salts.

Regards,

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