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PRESS RELEASE

Johnson & Johnson recalls five NEUTROGENA® and AVEENO® Sunscreen Products

The Prices and Consumer Affairs Division is alerting the public that Johnson & Johnson Consumer Inc. (JJCI) is voluntarily recalling five NEUTROGENA® and AVEENO® aerosol sunscreen product lines to the consumer level. Internal testing identified low levels of benzene, a chemical linked to blood cancers such as leukemia in some samples of the products.

The recall involves four Neutrogena sunscreen versions:

- Beach Defense aerosol sunscreen
- Cool Dry Sport aerosol sunscreen
- Invisible Daily Defense aerosol sunscreen
- Ultra Sheer aerosol sunscreen
- Aveeno Protect + Refresh aerosol sunscreen.

The recalled sunscreen products are packaged in aerosol cans, and consumers should stop using these specific products immediately.

The JJCI said in a statement that though using the products “would not be expected to cause adverse health consequences,” it voluntarily decided on the recall “out of an abundance of caution.”

Benzene, a component of gasoline and a frequently used solvent for rubber and waxes, is highly flammable. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), long-term and repeated exposure to the chemical at high enough levels can cause leukemia or other cancers. The carcinogen's effects vary depending on whether it is ingested, inhaled, or gets on a person's skin. Symptoms include irregular heartbeat and dizziness, but the highest levels of exposure can also lead to death.

Consumers should contact their physician if they have any questions, concerns or have experienced any problems related to using these aerosol sunscreen products. For refunds, consumers should contact the place of purchase.