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[ANTIMICROBIAL AGENTS]

WHEREAS, Chapter 39 of the City of San Francisco Administrative Code directs the Commission on the Environment to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on whether, and if so to what extent, the City should include antimicrobial agents in its Integrated Pest Management (IPM) policy; THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Commission on the Environment recommends that antimicrobial agents should be included in the City's IPM policy; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Commission on the Environment recommends the following extent of inclusion:

- a) **That the definition of *antimicrobial agents* be: "products that are registered with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) as pesticides used to kill microbes";**
- b) **That antimicrobial uses granted blanket exemptions under Chapter 39 continue to be exempted;**
- c) **That blanket exemptions be granted for antimicrobial use and in the treatment of water and facility heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) cooling water systems and public fountains;**
- d) **That for its own operations the City ban as of July 1999 the use of antimicrobial cleaning products that are classified by the US EPA as Category I products, with exemptions allowed;**
- e) **That the use of antimicrobial cleaning products that are classified by the US EPA as Category II products be limited as a matter of policy to sites designated as "high-risk" sites;**

- f) That criteria be set by the Purchaser to aid in the evaluation of remaining antimicrobial cleaning to balance the needs of cleaning products, public health, and health of the environment; and
- g) That the requirements of Chapter 39 for posting of intended use, record-keeping, monitoring, and the preparation of site-specific plans do not apply to antimicrobial use; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Commission on the Environment urges the Board of Supervisors to establish and fund a program in the City Purchaser's office that can adequately compile information on which general antimicrobial products are used by different City departments, establish health and environmental criteria to be used in making purchasing decisions, collect data on various products, prepare a preferred list of safer alternative products, and develop a training program for all municipal custodial staff on less-toxic products and safe-handling methods; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Commission on the Environment hereby adopts the Report to the Board of Supervisors on Reduction of Antimicrobial Pesticides prepared by the Department of the Environment.

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Commission on the Environment at its meeting of June 9, 1998.

Christopher Chow
Commission Secretary

VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Eng, Evans, Krefting, and Richardson.

Noes: None.

Absent: Commissioners Okamoto, Russell, and Vietor.

Commission on the Environment