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Karine Van de Velde  
Secretary General  
International Antimony Association  
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1150 Brussels, Belgium

Re: Antimony Trioxide; Antimony and Compounds, as Sb

Dear Ms. Van de Velde,

As follow-up to your correspondence regarding Antimony Trioxide and Antimony and Compounds, as Sb; we would like to remind you that the committee members are currently preparing for their deliberations that will take place during their fall meeting. This communication is a standard letter, sent each summer to groups or individuals who have corresponded with ACGIH<sup>®</sup> regarding a substance on the Under Study list.

The Committee has received the information you submitted for use as part of its deliberations and *will not* be prepared to recommend a new or revised TLV<sup>®</sup> proposal for Antimony Trioxide or Antimony and Compounds, as Sb for placement on the 2013 Notice of Intended Changes (NIC).

Based on changes made to the TLV<sup>®</sup>/BEI<sup>®</sup> Development Process in 2006, ACGIH<sup>®</sup> has updated the Under Study list into a two-tiered list. Tier 1 indicates which chemical substances *may* move forward as a NIC in the upcoming year; Tier 2 indicates those chemical substances which *will not* move forward, but will either remain on, or be removed from the Under Study list for the next year. This two-tiered list is published on the ACGIH<sup>®</sup> website at <http://www.acgih.org/TLV/Studies.htm>. Antimony Trioxide and Antimony and Compounds, as Sb have been placed on Tier 2 (*will not* move forward).

In keeping with our TLV<sup>®</sup>/BEI<sup>®</sup> Development Process; please note that we welcome your comments year round regarding all substances. When submitting additional comments, it would be very beneficial to limit your submission to 10 pages in length, including an executive summary. The submission may include appendices of citable material not included as part of the 10-page limit. In order to permit ACGIH<sup>®</sup> to more effectively and productively review comments, please structure comments as follows:

1. Executive Summary--Provide an Executive Summary with a limit of 250 words.
2. List of Recommendations/Actions--Identify, in a vertical list, specific recommendations/actions that are being requested.
3. Rationale--Provide specific rationale to justify each recommendation/action requested.
4. Citable Material--Provide citable material to substantiate the rationale. Citable material is data that is available in the public domain or that we have written authorization from the owner to use. For unpublished data/studies, it is important for this authorization to accompany the submission and it must grant ACGIH<sup>®</sup> permission to use, cite and release the data. Please refer to our website at <http://www.acgih.org/TLV/DevProcess.htm> for instructions on how to complete this permission statement.

The decisions of the Committee during their fall meeting will be referred to the ACGIH® Board of Directors for review and any final actions will be published in the ACGIH® Annual Report in early 2013. We will send you a cover letter notifying you of the decision by the organization, as well as a copy of any updated *Documentation*, if applicable. Feel free to contact us in the interim if you have any questions.

Thank you for your input and contribution to ACGIH®.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Peltier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ryan" being more prominent than the last name "Peltier".

Ryan Peltier  
Science and Education Manager  
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