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Japan Hygiene Products Industry Association

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“Accident in Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant 1”

It is announced by the government and reported in the mass media, etc. that radioactive substance was detected from a part of drinking water and agricultural products due to the accident that occurred in Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant 1. Such information has caused concern among the consumers about the safety of paper diapers for children and adults, incontinence guard pad, menstrual products (napkin, tampon), panty liner, etc. (“sanitary products”). However, as shown in the following, please rest assured and use these products without anxiety as you have always done before.

- (1) Water is never directly used in the production of these sanitary products. Therefore, the anticipated mixture of radioactive substance from the water never occurs in the products.
- (2) Since these sanitary products are manufactured and packaged under the production environment closely guarded from dust and dirt from outside, it is almost inconceivable that the radioactive substance released in the air is mixed in the products. Even after manufacture, the products are packaged and placed in corrugated board boxes. Therefore, direct mixture of radioactive substance in the products is considered extremely rare.
- (3) These sanitary products are not manufactured within the districts designated for evacuation or the districts designated for voluntary evacuation by the government with consideration to health damage. Therefore, from the viewpoint of manufacturing environment, there is hardly any safety problem at present about the products.

Based on the above reasons, Japan Hygiene Products Industry Association and Japan Hygiene Paper Industry Association do not consider that these sanitary products will have any influence on the health of consumers due to the radioactive substance released into the air through the accident in Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant 1 this time.

The member companies of Japan Hygiene Products Industry Association and National Association Sanitary Paper will pay sufficient attention to the information, etc. released by the government, etc. in the future and proceed with the production activities with priority on the safety of consumers.