

PREVACARE® ANTIMICROBIAL HAND GEL ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Valued Customer,

I am writing to inform you that Advanced Sterilization Products (ASP) has decided to discontinue the marketing of the PREVACARE® Antimicrobial Hand Gel product in the United States, effective July 25, 2008.

This US business decision is primarily based on two strategic business considerations:

1. Our presence in the Hand Hygiene market in the United States is limited at this time.
2. To meet the long-term needs of our US customers, we will continually assess their Hand Hygiene business requirements more broadly. This will take time and investment; therefore, we are not ruling out re-entry of the Hand Hygiene business in the US as a future possibility.

We understand this change will take time, and we have planned our discontinuation of the PREVACARE Hand Gel product accordingly. We anticipate that PREVACARE Hand Gel will be available to customers for approximately three months; depending on demand, supply is likely to be depleted by the end of 2008. Customers can be confident that PREVACARE Hand Gel is safe and effective when used according to its instructions for use.

Good Hand Hygiene compliance is one of the most important measures to prevent the transmission of harmful germs that can result in health-associated infections. We are committed to providing best practices in sterilization, high-level disinfection and hand hygiene, and we will continue to partner with valued customers such as you to provide innovative and quality technologies for your important infection prevention work.

Your PREVACARE Sales Specialist will be available to support you through July 25, 2008, after which you can contact ASP Customer Care at 1-888-783-7723 for assistance.

Thank you for your continued support and confidence in ASP and PREVACARE Hand Gel. Please feel free to contact your PREVACARE Sales Specialist if you have any additional questions. We look forward to continuing to serve your needs.

Sincerely,

Karen Borg
Vice President, Worldwide Marketing