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## **HSA UPDATES**

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### **HSA UPDATES ON VOLUNTARY RECALL OF “ORAL-B TOOTH AND GUM CARE MOUTH RINSE” AND “ORAL-B TOOTH AND GUM CARE ALCOHOL-FREE MOUTH RINSE” BY PROCTER & GAMBLE (SINGAPORE)**

The Health Sciences Authority (HSA) is overseeing the voluntary market recall by Procter& Gamble (Singapore) Pte Ltd of all batches of ‘Oral-B Tooth and Gum Care Mouth Rinse’ and ‘Oral-B Tooth and Gum Care Alcohol-free Mouth Rinse’.

2 This is a precautionary measure following the detection of bacterial contamination in some products produced at one of its contract manufacturing facilities in Colombia. The above named products, which were produced at the affected manufacturing plant, had been distributed locally. The bacteria, identified as *Burkholderia anthina*\*, poses little medical risk to health people. However, people who have certain health problems like weakened immune systems or chronic lung diseases may be more susceptible to infections with this bacteria. Due to possible microbial contamination, P&G is currently removing all batches of the two affected products and is in the process of initiating a consumer recall of these products as a precautionary measure.

#### **HSA ADVISORY**

3 Consumers should stop the use of “Oral-B Tooth & Gum Care Mouth Rinse’ and ‘Oral-B Tooth & Gum Care Alcohol-free Mouth Rinse’. Those who have already used the products should not be unduly concerned as *Burkholderia anthina* poses little medical risk to healthy people. Consumers who have health concerns should contact their doctors.

4 Consumers who have queries relating to the recall of the affected products may wish to contact Oral-B customer service number at Tel 800-18-600-18 or email them at [brandinfo@sg.pgconsumers.com](mailto:brandinfo@sg.pgconsumers.com).

**\*About *Burkholderia anthina***

*Burkholderia anthina* is a member of the *Burkholderia cepacia* complex (*B. cepacia* complex). *B. cepacia* complex is a group of gram-negative bacteria composing of several different species. They can be found in water, soil and other moist environmental sources. *B. cepacia* complex poses little medical risk to healthy people. However, people who have certain health problems like weakened immune systems or chronic lung diseases may be more susceptible to infections with *B. cepacia* complex.

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