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J.T.J. Stouten MSc Health Council of the Netherlands Subcommittee on the Classification of Reproduction Toxic Substances PO Box 16052 2500 BB The Hague The Netherlands

Dear Dr. Stouten:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft report on *Pencillamine* prepared by the Subcommittee on the Classification of Reproduction Toxic Substances of the Dutch Expert Committee on Occupational Safety (DECOS). A NIOSH expert reviewed the draft document, answered the following questions, and had no further comments.

- 1) Have all critical studies, which are relevant to the assessment of the health risk, been included? If not, a copy of the reference(s) omitted will have to be provided. **YES**
- 2) Are the critical studies presented in sufficient detail to support the conclusions concerning the characterization of risk? **YES**
- 3) Is the presentation of the information sufficiently concise or can the descriptions (of the non-critical studies) be condensed? **YES**
- 4) Are there any limitations of the critical studies which have not been presented? **NO**
- 5) Are there alternative interpretations to the overall assessment of the reproductive risks? **NO**

If you have any questions regarding the comments please contact me at 513-533-8260 (telephone) or by Email at tbl7@cdc.gov.

Sincerely yours,

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