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Monkeypox virus – EPA Triggers Emerging Viral Pathogens Policy

In response to recent cases of monkeypox, EPA has triggered its Emerging Viral Pathogens Policy that allows qualifying disinfectant products to make off-label claims against Monkeypox. While the policy does not allow changes to the product label itself, approved language can be used in the technical literature, non-label-related websites, and social media sites.

Monkeypox is a viral disease that normally starts with flu-like symptoms, including fever, chills, a headache, and achy muscles, with a rash usually then developing after 1 to 3 days. The rash typically progresses, beginning as flat spots that develop into bumps, which fill with fluid. Monkeypox is primarily spread through sustained physical contact such as skin-to-skin touch with someone who has an active rash. Respiratory spread is not the predominant worry.

The following Maxim products have the Emerging Viral Pathogens Claim and may be used against monkeypox virus when used as directed.

MFG. #	EPA #	Product Name	Follow the disinfection directions and preparation for the following virus	Dilution	Marketing Statement
046200	45745-11	Maxim Facility +	Norovirus (Feline Calicivirus as the surrogate); Rhinovirus Type 37	2 oz/gal	This product has demonstrated effectiveness against viruses similar to monkeypox virus on hard, nonporous surfaces. Therefore, this product can be used against monkeypox virus when used in accordance with the directions for use against Norovirus (Feline Calicivirus as the surrogate) on hard, nonporous surfaces. Refer to the CDC website at https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/index.html for additional information.
046400	45745-12	Maxim Facility + RTU	Norovirus (Feline Calicivirus as the surrogate); Rhinovirus Type 37	RTU	This product has demonstrated effectiveness against viruses similar to monkeypox virus on hard, nonporous surfaces. Therefore, this product can be used against monkeypox virus when used in accordance with the directions for use against Norovirus (Feline Calicivirus as the surrogate) on hard, nonporous surfaces. Refer to the CDC website at https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/index.html for additional information.
036000	10324-85-45745	Maxim AFBC Acid Free Restroom Cleaner RB 360	Hepatitis A Virus	RTU	This product has demonstrated effectiveness against viruses similar to monkeypox virus on hard, nonporous surfaces. Therefore, this product can be used against monkeypox virus when used in accordance with the directions for use against Hepatitis A Virus on hard, nonporous surfaces. Refer to the CDC website at https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/index.html for additional information.
038400	10324-85-45745	Maxim All Surface Bathroom Cleaner RB 384	Hepatitis A Virus	RTU	This product has demonstrated effectiveness against viruses similar to monkeypox virus on hard, nonporous surfaces. Therefore, this product can be used against monkeypox virus when used in accordance with the directions for use against Hepatitis A Virus on hard, nonporous surfaces. Refer to the CDC website at https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/index.html for additional information.
041000	10324-85-45745	Maxim Germicidal Cleaner	Hepatitis A Virus	RTU	This product has demonstrated effectiveness against viruses similar to monkeypox virus on hard, nonporous surfaces. Therefore, this product can be used against monkeypox virus when used in accordance with the directions for use against Hepatitis A Virus on hard, nonporous surfaces. Refer to the CDC website at https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/index.html for additional information.
044600	34810-35-45745	Maxim Citric Acid Disinfectant RTU	Feline Calicivirus (ATCC VR-782) surrogate for Norovirus	RTU	This product has demonstrated effectiveness against viruses similar to monkeypox virus on hard, nonporous surfaces. Therefore, this product can be used against monkeypox virus when used in accordance with the directions for use against Feline Calicivirus (ATCC VR-782) surrogate for Norovirus on hard, nonporous surfaces. Refer to the CDC website at https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/index.html for additional information.