CHANNEL 9 NEWS 13/6/12 “SPRAY TAN INGREDIENT HEALTH HAZARD”

The news story reported that according to "A Study in America" an ingredient in spray tans called Dha could be a potential health hazard.

The news report didn’t say which study or who it was by. I have written to channel 9 and also called them to request this information.

Doug from the channel nine news room called back and it seems the news article was just hype and not based on an official medical study.

Doug explained that “The Study in America” they referred to was conducted by the ABC’s US department and not by a proper medical institution or university.

At first Doug thought that the ABC had put together a panel of independent medical experts but when I asked who was on the panel Doug looked further into the notes and could only find one name. Dr. Darrell Rigel a dermatologist at New York University. It therefore seems that this story was created by the media by interviewing one skin specialist who gave his opinion on inhalation rather than a report based on any actual medical testing.

This is the first I have ever heard of Dha being a potential health risk. When watching the report again online it doesn't actually say that any risk has been confirmed. It seems to be more of a hypothesis than a finding. Of course as an ethical company we do not want to cause anyone harm so our chemist is making further investigations into this report.

Currently Dha is approved by the Australian Government departments NICNAS and the TGA as well as the American FDA and the European EU Directives. These are the regulations we follow and cannot even access ingredients not approved by these departments.

At Oztan we only use Ecocert organic Dha which is sourced from sugar. We do not use synthetic Dha, Propylene Glycol, Parabens or synthetic fragrance.

Dha is perfectly safe to use on the skin and has been used since the 1950s. For safe practice while spray tanning I would recommend good ventilation and an extraction filter unit.

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