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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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IN RE VITAMIN ANTITRUST	:	
LITIGATION	:	Misc. No. 99-197 (TFH)
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This document relates to:	:	(M.D.L. NO. 1285)
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ANIMAL SCIENCE PRODUCTS, INC., et al.	:	NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION
	:	SETTLEMENT WITH
Plaintiffs,	:	AKZO NOBEL AND HEARING
	:	THEREON
- against -	:	
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CHINOOK GROUPS, LTD., et al.	:	
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Defendants	:	
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TO: ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES WHO DIRECTLY PURCHASED CHOLINE CHLORIDE FROM A MANUFACTURER THEREOF DURING THE PERIOD FROM 1988 THROUGH 1998 IN THE UNITED STATES OR FOR DELIVERY IN THE UNITED STATES.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, pursuant to an Order of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, that a hearing will be held on July 17, 2001 at 2:00 p.m., before the Hon. Thomas F. Hogan, United States District Judge, in Courtroom No. 9, United States Courthouse, located at 333 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001, for the purpose of determining whether the proposed settlement of the above-captioned litigation consisting of a cash payment in the amount of \$7.5 million for the benefit of the above-referenced settlement class of purchasers of choline chloride directly from a manufacturer thereof from 1988 through 1998 in the United States or for delivery in the United States, in accordance with the terms and conditions of a settlement agreement between plaintiffs and certain defendants, dated as of December 1, 2000 (the "Settlement Agreement"), on file with the Court,

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should be approved by the Court as fair, reasonable and adequate to the settlement class, and the above-entitled litigation should be dismissed on the merits and with prejudice as against Akzo Nobel Inc. and other related parties, as provided in the Settlement Agreement. Plaintiffs' counsel intend to make a request for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of costs and expenses incurred in connection with this settlement at a point in the future.

Your rights may be affected by this litigation and the settlement thereof if you directly purchased choline chloride from a manufacturer in the United States or for delivery in the United States from 1988 through 1998.

If you have not received a printed Notice of Class Action Settlement With Akzo Nobel and Hearing Thereon ("Notice"), you may obtain a copy by writing to Akzo Antitrust Litigation, P.O. Box 58520, Philadelphia, PA 19102; or by accessing those documents from <http://ww.dcd.uscourts.gov/99ms197.html>. The Notice contains further information regarding the proposed settlement with Akzo Nobel and the rights of Akzo Settlement Class Members with respect thereto.

**PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT OR THE CLERK'S OFFICE
REGARDING THIS NOTICE.**

Dated: March 8, 2001



The Honorable Thomas F. Hogan
United States District Judge
United States District Court
for the District of Columbia