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**USER ADVISORY NOTICE**  
**3M™ R8730 Household Cleaning and Odor Respirator**

Dear Valued 3M Customer,

We recently identified that some packages of the 3M™ *Household Cleaning and Odor Respirator*, catalog number R8730, only contained the user instructions for home use of the product and were missing user instructions for professional applications. These packages also identified the product as an N95 rated respirator instead of an R95 rated respirator and were missing the government approval documentation (i.e. NIOSH label). The affected packages of the 3M™ *Household Cleaning and Odor Respirator* were sold at Walgreens and can be identified by a large N95 marking in the upper left corner of the package.

The *Household Cleaning and Odor Respirator* is government approved as the 3M 8246 R95 particulate respirator by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). The government approval label for the product was missing from the packages. Respirators rated as R95 may be used for all the same applications as N95 rated respirators and have the same filtration efficiency of at least 95%. The difference between N95 and R95 respirators is their resistance to oils. Under the NIOSH classification system, N rated respirators can only be used for particles that do not contain oils whereas R rated respirators may be used in environments that contain oily particles.

In addition to the information regarding the product's government approval, the affected packages of the *Household Cleaning and Odor Respirator* only included the User Instructions for Do-It-Yourself/Homeowner applications and were missing the User Instructions insert referenced on the back of the package for Workplace/Occupational applications.

3M regrets any inconvenience this may cause. Production controls have been modified to address the issue. 3M remains committed to providing only the highest quality products for our customers. For a copy of the professional user instruction, the government approval label for the product, or if you have any questions regarding this issue, please call 3M Technical Service at 1.800.243.4630 or log onto our website at [www.3M.com/occsafety](http://www.3M.com/occsafety).