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Dear Dental and Orthodontic Professionals:

This letter is in response to your request for information on potential allergic reaction to 3M™ ESPE™ Vanish™ 5% Sodium Fluoride White Varnish or 3M™ Fast Release Varnish when used in patients with allergies to nuts.

Vanish Varnish and Fast Release Varnish contain components that are originally derived from pine tree sap. Because these components come from pine trees, there has been speculation that patients with allergy to pine nuts/pine pollen may react to these varnishes. There has also been speculation that patients with allergy to other tree nuts or peanuts may cross-react to these varnishes.

3M routinely monitors the scientific literature on the allergenic potential of the pine-based components in these two varnish products. At this time, 3M finds no credible basis for cross-reactions based on the material chemistry and an understanding of the different mechanisms for the allergic reactions to pine nuts/pine pollen or other nuts.

Both varnish products have been thoroughly assessed for biocompatibility with favorable results and have a highly favorable clinical usage history in millions of patients.

Based on the information above, Vanish Varnish and Fast Release Varnish are safe for their intended use.

If you have additional questions, please contact the Customer Care Center at 1-800-634-2249.

Thank you for your interest in 3M Oral Care products.

Best regards,

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