Witch Hazel

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In accordance with section 7.04(c) of the 2015–2020 Rules and Procedures of the Council of Experts, this is to provide notice that the Botanical Dietary Supplements and Herbal Medicines Expert Committee intends to revise the Witch Hazel monograph.

The purpose for the proposal for revision is to delete the reference to the *Pesticide Residue Analysis* section of <561> *Articles of Botanical Origin*. Data received showed that the distillation process reduces the risk of pesticides being present in the official article. Therefore, because the official article is not a plant material but a distillate, testing for pesticides may not add value in monitoring the quality of witch hazel.

The proposed revision will be published in the next available *Pharmacopeial Forum* pursuant to section 7.02 of the Rules and Procedures. The proposal would have the standard comment period of 90 days. In the absence of any adverse comments, the proposed revision will be submitted to ballot for official adoption in the corresponding revision of *USP–NF*.

Should you have any questions, please contact Nam-Cheol Kim Scientific Liaison to the Botanical Dietary Supplements and Herbal Medicines Expert Committee (301-230-7428 or nck@usp.org).