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# **POSITION STATEMENT**

## Antibacterial Hand Sanitiser Gel



### Hammersley's Antibacterial Hand Sanitiser gel is your assurance of TGA level protection when it is needed the most.

The explosive, initial stages of the COVID-19 pandemic in Australia caused turmoil and panic in many areas of our industries and our economy.

Some of this panic, like the sudden, urgent need to ensure a year's supply of toilet paper, was misplaced and at times humorous but other needs were much more serious.

For Hammersley, providing for the real needs for sanitation products – disinfectants, hand washes and hand sanitisers – proved to be an epic task.

Fortunately, Hammersley has been manufacturing hand sanitising gels for over 20 years . Over all that time we have been major suppliers to the medical, clinical, mining and industrial sectors throughout Australia. We still are.

During the COVID-19 peak, Hammersley remained at the forefront in the supply of these crucial commodities. We had our difficulties. Raw material and packaging were in critically short supply and long lead times forced us to secure inventory from many sources that were outside our normal supply chain.

Sometimes this resulted in slight physical differences to our finished product – sometimes a slight haze, a slightly different smell or a slightly different viscosity.

But throughout all this testing period the most important essential – the quality and effectiveness of our product – was never compromised.

Hammersley's Antibacterial Hand Sanitiser is made according to world best practice principles. The quality of our hand sanitising gel is always maintained on the basis of three criteria:

#### 1. Strict adherence to Australian TGA guidelines and requirements.

The Therapeutic Goods Administration is the regulatory body for therapeutic goods in Australia and it is a Division of the Australian Department of Health. Its guidelines for the manufacture of hand sanitising gels are precise and allow no margin for deviation.

Hammersley's strict adherence to these guidelines is your assurance of effective control

#### 2. Efficient moisturising.

Regular use of alcohol based gels has caused an increase in dermal drying, irritation and disease. The addition of therapeutic levels of natural, cosmetic grade, vegetable glycerine and soothing Vit.E oil ensures alleviation of all dry skin symptoms

#### 3. Pleasant to use.

The addition of pure peppermint essential oil leaves a refreshing reminder that your hand are fully protected.

Unfortunately the virus brought out many overnight "experts" in the manufacture and supply of hand sanitisers. Liquor distillers used their alcohol for manufacturing hand sanitisers – food packaging machinery was converted overnight to the filling of in-house manufactured liquid and even engineering companies with access to crude alcohol began filling into cordial bottles or whatever they could obtain.

The result of this opportunistic contrivance was, most often, inferior products with no basis or real concern for their safety or efficacy.

I am pleased that the turmoil that allowed the uprising of these products has now diminished.

There is, now, a real and ongoing need for industry to incorporate effective hygiene practices into their operational practices to protect both their employees wellbeing and to help insulate their business from disruption.

The requirement to integrate regular hand sanitation practices as an intrinsic part of our daily routine is no less important in our business and domestic lives.

But there must be certainty that the hand sanitiser being used is authentic and really doing its job.

Hammersley's Antibacterial Hand Sanitiser gel is assurance that your new daily routine is really keeping you safe.

Hammersley's range of spray sanitisers, hand soaps and disinfectant concentrates offer a complete range for total bacterial protection.

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