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Dear Members,

As I was shopping on Thursday, December 11, I again checked the shelves in the supermarket for products containing cyclamate and found the following information:

A. Bottled and Canned Drinks

Ninety percent of the diet soft drinks have been removed from the shelves and replaced with non-diet soft drinks. The soft drinks that are on the market now reflect the transition in products. Some now have sugar added but do not contain cyclamates. Some are sugar-free and have also had the cyclamate removed. As in the past, Diet Wink, Diet Ginger Ale, Diet Root Beer and Diet Orange are clearly labeled as diet drinks and do contain cyclamate while the plain Wink, Ginger Ale, Root Beer etc. not labeled 'Diet' do not and never have contained cyclamate. Diet Rite Cola is labeled as "New! contains no cyclamate" but has sugar added. Like does contain cyclamate, Fresca has had the cyclamate removed and is still sugar-free. So with the new changes in products once familiar to us, we must more carefully check the labels on cartons or printing on bottles.

B. Concentrates to Make into Drinks

Products such as Diet Breakfast by Fulvita, Slender from Carnation, and Sego are available, but the supermarket carries a much smaller inventory. I saw no pre-sweetened Kool-aid packages.

C. Prepared Foods, Candies and Sweeteners

Still available are jams, cranberry sauce, catsup, mayonnaise, and various candies. Also Sweeteners, such as Sucaryl, Pillsbury's Sweet-10, and Sweet 'n Low are on the shelves but the space allotted to these types of foods is 1/4-1/3 of the amount previously allowed for diet foods.

Again, check the labeling carefully, especially during this time of transition of products.

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