



**Island Green Living Statement
DLCA's New Enforcement Policy Related to the USVI's Safe Sunscreen Law
April 21, 2022**

"We applaud Commissioner Evangelista and the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs on 'Operation Illegal Sunscreen,' a territorial sweep launching on April 22, 2022 to ensure retailers in the territory no longer carry sunscreens with the 'Toxic 3 Os' of oxybenzone, octinoxate and octocrylene, as dictated by Act No. 8185, the law banning these dangerous sunscreen ingredients. How fitting that on Earth Day, this critical program will begin, protecting not only humans from toxic chemicals absorbed into our bodies but also coral and marine life," said Harith Wickrema, President of Island Green Living Association. "There are many safe and effective mineral sunscreens, a selection recommended by Island Green Living are included here: <https://islandgreenliving.org/sunscreen-list/>"

"Please help to preserve human health and the health of our marine and coral life by being an extra set of eyes – call DLCA on 340.713.3522 or 340.725.5129 or email at consumerawareness@dlca.vi.gov if you see sunscreen containing the 'Toxic 3 Os' on territory shelves."

DLCA's revised release on the effort is attached.

About Island Green Living

Established in 2004, Island Green Living Association is a registered 501 (c)(3) not for profit organization on St. John dedicated to sustainability throughout the USVI. www.islandgreenliving.org.

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