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TO: Dave Harmon

FROM: Tom Grumbles
DATE: February 12, 1985

**Interoffice
Communication**

SUBJ: USDA APPROVAL OF DRY BLEND FOR COMPRESSION POLYMERS

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Having reviewed the procedure and requirements for product approval for use in incidental food contact application, I see no reason, nor significant risks involved, not to proceed with selling to Compression for their intended use.

I have reviewed the procedure with Jerry Janes. The USDA approval is predominately based on product ingredients. There is no certification required as to the manufacturing process or conditions. Specifically, the presence of regulated substances in the manufacturing location does not preclude the certification. In terms of meeting the spirit of the law, I feel the potential for any significant contamination of concern is insignificant, although it is something we should remain aware of and take reasonable steps to prevent.

As you are aware, the USDA has orally approved our product and upon review of the written application sent by Jerry will formally inform us of approval. At the same time, Compression is seeking approval of the product made with our dry blend and their additive package. The USDA will then inform their inspectors that these products are approved for incidental food contact uses.

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Please let me know if you have further questions on the above.

Thomas G. Grumbles

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cc John Friend

Jerry Janes - Ponca City

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