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LABELS AND PRECAUTIONARY INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

Washington, D.C. - March 19, 1975

PRESENT

A. W. Sheldon, Chairman
S. W. Beckstead
H. A. Birnbaum
J. J. Bonin
C. P. Brush
K. H. Dewey
Robert Jelus
W. H. Jones, M.D.
M. B. Lore
D. G. MacKellar
T. R. Madden
H. H. McIntyre
P. E. Neiman for J. Hammond
L. N. Ortkiese
R. E. Rutherford
C. B. Shaffer
Phillip Sonneborn
J. R. Taylor
A. G. Wheeler
F. G. Stephenson

M & T Chemicals, Inc.
Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation
3M Company
Shell Chemical Company
Koppers Company, Inc.
Commercial Solvents Corporation
MC/B Manufacturing Chemists
Eastman Kodak Company
E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company
FMC Corporation
Reichhold Chemicals, Inc.
The Dow Chemical Company
Exxon Chemicals, U.S.A.
Amoco Chemicals Corporation
Gulf Oil Corporation
American Cyanamid Company
Fisher Scientific Company
Allied Chemical Corporation
ICI United States, Inc.
Manufacturing Chemists Association

GUESTS PRESENT

James A. Connor
M. M. Hoover
K. A. Logan
Dallas Sparre
F. M. Taminac
J. J. Trexel

The Harshaw Chemical Company
Manufacturing Chemists Association
Pennwalt Corporation
Chemical Specialties Manufacturers Association
PPG Industries, Inc.
E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company

1. Minutes of the January 16, 1975 meeting were approved as distributed.
2. Precautionary Label for Sulfur Trioxide

The task group composed of Messrs Taylor, O'Connor and Trexel submitted a proposed precautionary label for use in chemical safety data sheet SD-101, Sulfur Trioxide. The label was approved without change.

3. Status of Ballot on ANSI Z129.1

Chairman A. W. Sheldon reported that Messrs Sheldon, Lore, Trexel and the secretary had met with Mr. R. Lenhard, B. Swope and T. Willoughby of the Compressed Gas Association in an attempt to reconcile CGA objections to certain portions of the proposed ANSI standard Z129.1 which has been submitted for adoption by letter ballot.

CGA representatives, at the meeting, had agreed that advantages can result from ANSI adoption of the standard and undertook to vote affirmatively if the scope could be amended to exclude compressed gases. The MCA representatives were assured that CGA is currently preparing a standard for labeling of compressed gases and that this will be submitted to ANSI for letter ballot adoption as an amendment to Z129.1.

The MCA task group agreed to this proposal subject to ratification by the full LAPI Committee.

The following changes in the Z129.1 proposal were agreed upon:

- a) On page 4, under "Scope", add:
It does not apply to compressed gases.
- b) On page 13, under Table, delete term:
"flammable gas".
- c) On page 15, under Table 3, delete term:
"compressed gases".
- d) On page 17, under Table 4, delete term:
"cylinders".
- e) On page 32, delete term:
"flammable gas".

The proposal to exclude compressed gas from the scope of Z129.1 was discussed in detail by the LAPI Committee. Speaking in opposition to the proposal, Mr. H. McIntyre asserted that CGA labeling procedures fall short of LAPI principles and that any vacuum created in Z129.1 because of exclusion of compressed gases will be filled by NIOSH.

There followed some discussion as to whether deletion of compressed gases from the scope would necessitate undertaking another ballot of interested organizations. At the request of the Chairman, Dr. W. H. Jones telephoned ANSI and was advised that another ballot would not be necessary.

During further discussion, it was stressed that adoption of Z129.1 by ANSI would mean acceptance of the precautionary labeling principle developed by the LAPI Committee and that exclusion of one or more groups of chemicals from the standard would not adversely effect this achievement. It was also stressed that CGA support of the proposal would considerably improve its chances of success.

On a motion it was voted to accept the task group's recommendation to exclude compressed gas from the scope of Z129.1.

Other Negative Ballots

(A) American Petroleum Institute

It was agreed to respond to the API objection to the "extremely flammable" category since API does have a similar labeling category.

(B) National Fire Protection Association and National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health

Since these negative ballots do not involve objections of a technical nature, it was agreed not to attempt any reconciliation.

Chairman Sheldon announced that the task group will prepare letters in response to (a) the negative ballots and (b) to letters arising out of the opportunity for public comment. Responses of this nature are required under ANSI procedures.

4. Applicability of proposed ANSI Z129.1 to Additional Chemical Hazard Groups

At the January 16 meeting, Dr. W. H. Jones agreed to prepare sample labels based on Z129.1 applicable to explosives, teratogens, carcinogens, and mutagens. He submitted sample labels for chemicals in these hazard groups for consideration by the Committee.

5. New Committee Secretary

Dr. J. Seawell has been named as secretary and staff representative to the Labels and Precautionary Information Committee. He will replace F. G. Stephenson who will retire from MCA on March 31.

The Committee presented Mr. Stephenson with an engraved pewter bowl in recognition of his services.

Minutes subject to approval
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F. G. Stephenson

explosive

teratogen

carcinogen

mutagen

2,4,6-TRINITROTOLUENE

DANGER! EXPLOSIVE
CAUSES IRRITATION
HEAT, SPARKS, FLAME OR IMPACT MAY CAUSE EXPLOSIVE
DECOMPOSITION

Avoid Contact with eyes, skin, clothing.

FIRST AID: In case of contact, flush eyes immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Call a physician. Flush skin with water. Wash clothing before re-use.

TRYPAN BLUE

DANGER! CAUSES TERATOGENIC EFFECTS IN ANIMALS
HARMFUL IF INHALED

Avoid breathing dust.
Use with adequate ventilation.

FIRST AID: In case of contact, immediately wash skin with soap and plenty of water.

1,3-PROPANE SULFONE

DANGER! CAUSES BURNS
CANCER SUSPECT AGENT

Do not get in eyes, on skin, on clothing.
Avoid breathing vapor.
Keep container closed.
Use with adequate ventilation.

FIRST AID: In case of contact, immediately flush skin or eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Discard contaminated shoes. Call a physician.

2,4,6-TRIS(ETHYLENIMINO)-S-TRIAZINE

DANGER! MAY BE FATAL IF SWALLOWED
CAUSES BURNS
CAUSES MUTATIONS IN ANIMALS

Do not get in eyes, on skin, on clothing.
Avoid breathing dust.
Keep container closed.
Use with adequate ventilation.
Wash thoroughly after handling.

X POISON X
Call a physician.

FIRST AID: If swallowed, induce vomiting by sticking finger down throat or by giving soapy or strong salty water to drink. Repeat until vomit fluid is clear. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes or skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash clothing before re-use.

