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SUBJECT: PCB TASK FORCE REPORT



Attached are the conclusions of the PCB Task-Force Report (COM-72-10419) published on May 14, 1972. The 192-page report is available from the National Technical Information Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, Springfield, Va. 22151, price $6.00.

The task force included operating units of 5 Executive Branch departments:

Department of Agriculture
Department of Commerce
Department of Health, Education & Welfare
Department of the Interior
Environmental Protection Agency

The report supports the action taken by Monsanto on PCBs. The findings and conclusions are covered in attached pages 2-5 from the report.

We also attach portions of the sections on:

1. Use and Replaceability of PCBs in Dielectrics (pp. 43-44, 51-53).
2. The Need for Continued Use of PCBs as Electrical Insulating Liquids (pp. 75-81).

Please note

1. Table 2, page 77

   a) You may be asked about MCS 1043. It is strictly an experimental product, which we do not intend to offer. Aroclor 1016 has been selected as the most logical product for use in capacitors.

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b) Composition of PCBs (Table 2, page 77)

The data given in Table 2 should not be taken as absolute and these are not Monsanto specifications. The exact composition of the many dozens of homologs present in the total number of PCB grades is very difficult to determine and needs highly sophisticated GLC/mass spectrometer analyses. If you get involved with questions in this area, please contact Paul Benignus.

c) Table 3, page 80

The prices given are incorrect. Obviously someone on the task force looked at an old price sheet for Aroclor 1242 and assumed that Aroclor 1016 would be the same. That is not the case.

Please use this information to educate yourselves and your customers on the official U.S. government position on PCBs. Do not send this SIB out as a general mailing to customers.

Immediately after the publication of the PCB Task-Force Report, MICC made a presentation to the Task Force in Washington DC (May 15). A summary of our presentation is attached. All the evidence indicates that the Task Force appreciated our presentation. We were well received.

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