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J. A. Kehoe

With the Compliments of
Dr. P.S.I. Barry

The Associated Ethyl Company Limited

I enclose copy of the letter as sent to
Dr. K.D. Fairley.

*20, Berkeley Square,
London, W.1.*

Dr. K.D. Fairley,
421, St. Kilda Road,
Melbourne S.C.2.,
Australia.

Dear Dr. Fairley,

As you may well be aware, a new a Tetramethyl Lead, has been introduced into gasoline at present in use in limited areas manufacture of tetramethyl lead compound, t blending with gasoline and sale of such gas carried out with the knowledge and consent General of the U.S. Public Health Service a Authorities of the individual States concer

As you are no doubt aware, the Su U.S. Public Health Service has no legal auth and functions purely in an advisory capacit

It is to be assumed that in due c containing tetramethyl lead will be introdu the U.S.A. With this in view, Dr. Kehoe, Kettering Laboratory, Cincinnati, and I hav tour of Western European Countries, during have provided Government Health Authorities Leaders, Oil Company Doctors and our own Co information that we have to date on the tox health aspects of this material, both in a when blended with gasoline.

The higher volatility of tetramet to increase the hazard, with particular refe of gasoline, but this is counter-balanced t lower toxicity vis-a-vis tetraethyl lead an overall increase is of little or no practica

Since the overall problem does no from that presented by tetraethyl lead, the recommendations will be applied in respect distribution as apply to tetraethyl lead at

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would be desirable to inform the appropriate authorities in Australia of the possibility of the material containing T.M.L. may be introduced into the country. We would like to acquaint them with the nature of the hazard and its present status in the U.S.A.

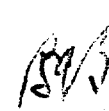
We should be most grateful if you would undertake to provide this information to the appropriate health authorities on our behalf as soon as possible. Please inform us of what procedural action, if any, is required in Australia prior to the introduction of the material into gasoline. Subsequently we would like to know if you would inform our other Medical Commission members.

A copy of this letter is being sent to Mr. Batchelor who will be happy to assist you in any way he can.

I trust that all is well with you and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


(P.S.I. Barry)
Chief Medical Officer

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