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October 9, 1975

Mr. Heinz Eiermann
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Food and Drug Administration
200 C Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20204

Dear Heinz:

We will have in publication soon, a revised CTFA Standard for Cosmetic Talc, which will include a specification for Fibrous Amphibole at "None Detected" using a new method involving X-ray diffraction and microscopy with dispersion staining.

Some time ago, Professor Seymour Lewin evaluated 195 cosmetic talcum powders obtained from the marketplace, and detected tremolite in several, using X-ray diffraction.

We would like to evaluate some of the same samples, applying our latest CTFA methodology, and it would be of particular interest to do some of the ones which showed high levels of tremolite, or which were questionable. About 5 grams of each would be sufficient, and 10 samples would be a good number to do.

If you are able to comply with this request, it will be greatly appreciated if you would send them to my attention.

With best regards.

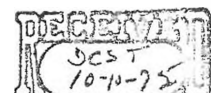
Sincerely,



George W. Sandland
Chairman CTFA Talc Subcommittee

GWS/dp

cc: Dr. Norman F. Estrin
Mr. Eugene Lambert
Dr. John Menkart



November 4, 1975

Mr. George Sandland
Bristol-Myers Products
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Dear Mr. Sandland:

In reply to your letter of October 9, 1975, we are sending you, under separate cover, the requested S. I. Levin samples of cosmetic talcum powders for analysis for tremolite. Samples you will receive are the following:

DCST Number

DCST 1338
DCST 1339
DCST 1340
DCST 1341
DCST 1342
DCST 1343
DCST 1344
DCST 1345
DCST 1346
DCST 1347
DCST 1348
DCST 1349
DCST 1350

In the event that you may want to do some chrysotile analyses, we are also including for this purpose DCST 1351 and DCST 1352. DCST samples 1339, 1341 and 1347 from the above tremolite group should also be analyzed for chrysotile.

If you require any additional samples for evaluation of methods, please contact us. Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

Henry H. Davis
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Bureau of Foods