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Why these questions ?

These polychlorinated biphenyls have been widely attacked world-wide :

- On the one hand because they remain in the environment.
- on the other hand because of their possible toxicity chronic or acute towards man.

If the first point cannot be refuted (above all for the highly chlorinated products), nothing proves at the present time that the second point is well founded.

What is the position of French Industry vis-a-vis these attacks (on PCB's) ?

Nevertheless, voluntarily and in order to specially protect certain fields of application (the dielectric use where no other product can, at equal price, give the same performance) RHONE - PROGIL and Produits Chimiques UGINE KUHLMANN decided to jointly study, under the auspices of a trade association., the problems posed.
After a considered examination of the dossier, this working group arrived at the conclusion that it is necessary to voluntarily withdraw, more or less in the long term, from certain applications.

You will find set out below and should note with care our position :

- sales for phyto sanitary (pesticidal) use - cease sales immediately.
- sales for use in cutting oils - cease sales on 1st Jan 1974.
- sales for paints and varnishes - cease sales to manufactures of marine paints on 1st Jan 1973.
- use as a heat transfer fluid - cease sales immediately for pharmaceutical and foodstuffs applications.
- sales to the paper industry - cease sales immediately (particularly for the manufacture of carbonless copypaper).

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- inform all manufacturers of adhesives, paints and varnishes, plastics and printing inks of the dangers related to PCB's, in order to stop their use in or on products in contract with food.
- use in other applications - sales maintained until further notice.
- inform all customers of our decisions and the reasons which led us to take them.
- special warning of distributors / resellers.

Labelling

Placing on the packages of a label which reads :

" This product is not to be used in contact with foodstuffs or animal feed especially in or on packaging."

These measures must not handicap our industries, so .....

You will see that each cut-off of sales is linked with a time period (before it becomes effective).

If this is immediate, it means that we are able to offer, at present, replacement products.

If this is longer term, it is to allow our industry the time to research and develop the possible replacement products.

We have at the disposition of those interested a list of replacement products for the different applications.
