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PIGMENTS DEPARTMENT
CABLE ADDRESS "DUPONT" WILMDEL

July 9, 1971

Mr. Frank S. Bilton
Director of Purchases
Fosco, Incorporated
P. O. Box 8728
Cleveland, Ohio 44135

Dear Mr. Bilton:

This is in answer to your letter of June 25 requesting our confirmation that all materials sold to you will, by August 27, 1971, be labeled so as to conform with the Williams-Steiger Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. You stated that said Act requires that all chemicals and materials be labeled to indicate the precautions and safety equipment required, symptoms of possible illness, and composition.

I presume you refer to Section 6 of the Act, codified as 29 U.S.C. 655, which empowers the Secretary of Labor to promulgate occupational safety and health standards. Subsection (b) (7) of Section 6 provides that:

"Any standard promulgated under this subsection shall prescribe the use of labels or other appropriate forms of warning as are necessary to ensure that employees are apprised of all hazards to which they are exposed, relevant symptoms and appropriate emergency treatment, and proper conditions and precautions of safe use or exposure."

As the subsection makes clear, special labeling is not required for a product unless the Secretary of Labor promulgates a standard imposing such labeling. To date, no standard has been issued which requires such labeling for the several pigments which we sell to you.

We are pleased to include a list of the general practices and precautions that we follow in our manufacturing units when handling the pigment colors you purchase.

We trust that this will answer your questions on handling pigments.

Cordially yours,

P. Dean Graham, Jr.
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Technical Manager-Pigment Colors

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