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SUBJECT PCB Warning Statement

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cc: G. R. Sido - G5EC
E. Greene - A2NA
H. W. Hayden - A2SE
J. Stapleton - C1NA B2SA
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TO : W. A. Stewart - A2SE

We should put a notice about the Warning Statement after the classification for each individual product in the ocean classification book. We will take care of this by securing a specific commodity list from Mr. Hayden.

I would like to suggest we use after the product classification the words "Caution! Contains Polychlorinated Biphenyls. See Warning Below." What I am attempting to do here is to follow the same procedure we follow in connection with Poisons and Flammable Liquids, by showing needed information immediately following the classification of the product on the ocean bill of lading. This is necessary not only to alert the carriers to the statement, but also because this wording is normally transferred to the ship's manifests. Therefore, when the ship personnel in charge of loading the vessel check their manifest for that vessel, they will see this warning and, if necessary, can refer to the bill of lading which is usually located in a steamship office near the pier.

If these words are approved by Messrs. Greene, and Stapleton, we will proceed to amend the ocean classification book on each product involved. Your memo already covers the problem of putting the warning statement on the ocean bills of lading.

You refer to IMCO after ocean classification. This refers to the International Maritime Consultative Organization and involves a world-wide organization, including the United Nations, that deals with the problems of handling hazardous products. As you know, the PCB products are not regulated and the warning statements we are speaking of will be done independently by Monsanto for protective purposes. When agreement is finally reached to proceed as you have outlined, please let me know so that I can alert our destination area people and they can take such action as is deemed necessary within their areas, with regard to shipments on inland carriers in foreign countries.

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