

250 - Vinyl chloride

Memorandum

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TO: Lew Freeman	REFERENCE
FROM: Marina Brockmann MB	Meeting at CPSC on April 19
DATE: April 23, 1984	

On April 19 Roy Gottesman, Maury Johnson and I met with Dr. Peter Preuss and Sandra Eberle of the Health Sciences Division of the Consumer Product Safety Commission to discuss the VCM migration issue - specifically as it related to pacifiers.

Sandra Eberle was interested in this subject because of the recent work being done by the Commission in its investigation of phthalates in infant products that might be put in the child's mouth. She was concerned because the FDA will be issuing rules - guidelines in October of 1984 on PVC migration for plastic food wrap containers and whether VCM might also be a problem to look at.

Dr. Gottesman assured her that when the pacifiers were made that the heat process that they go through prior to being molded and formed would eliminate any traces of VCM that might have remained in the product. He noted that the difference in phthalates is that they are intentionally added to give the flexibility and that VCM is not supposed to be present. It was decided that the Vinyl Institute will sponsor a set of Round Robin tests for pacifiers that will be done in several laboratories and also the lab that CPSC uses in Arkansas. On pacifiers that will be macerated and analyzed. The Consumer Product Safety Commission will, after consideration and review of our proposal by the appropriate staff, contact the Vinyl Institute in writing outlining exactly what they would prefer in testing procedure etc., and if our proposal meets their needs.

At this point we have outlined what we can do for them, provided the necessary caveats for any testing they might do i.e., in maceration do not use heat or you might inadvertently form VCM that was not there to begin with etc., and are awaiting their written response. The impression we got from the meeting was that they a) found the information relayed to them of interest and some of it new, and b) both Preuss and Eberle were receptive.

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