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MEMORANDUM

December 5, 1975

TO: J. W. Anderson, SCD - W. C. Koch, ICD

SUBJECT: FAO/WHO

Concerning attached since you are the logical representatives of Divisions which produce food additives, would either of you be interested in being named as contact with Dr. Lu?

The work involved is as much as you wish to make of it. I, personally, believe the contact is valuable as it affords advance notice of items to be discussed by the FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives and an opportunity to provide input if you wish.

I think Dr. Lu's letter and the attachment are otherwise self explanatory.



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Attachment

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In reply please refer to: FAD-F6/180/5
Prière de rappeler la référence:

19 November 1975

Dear Sir(s),

... A further meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives will be held in April, 1976. On this occasion the potential hazards to consumers which may be involved by the use in food of the compounds shown on the attached list will be evaluated or re-evaluated. In order that the Committee may have at its disposal adequate information on which to base its conclusions, the Organization needs to collect from academic, industrial and other sources all available information on these compounds, particularly in regard to toxicity and metabolism.

I should appreciate it if you would send me two reprints of all published articles on those compounds on the list which are manufactured by your company, together with a list of references to published papers of which you know but do not have copies available. I would also be grateful if you would let me have two copies of any unpublished data on these compounds.

To ensure that the Committee is able to consider fully all the information which you may be able to supply, it is necessary for us to receive it at an early date - preferably by 10 January 1976. I should perhaps mention that as it is necessary to circulate all available data to the experts well in advance of the meeting, the joint expert committee will not be able to take into consideration any information received after 1 April 1976.

Data related to toxicological evaluation should be addressed to:
Dr G. Vettorazzi, Food Additives Unit, World Health Organization, 1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland.

Data related to specifications should be addressed to: Mr K.O. Herz, Food Policy and Nutrition Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, 00100 Rome, Italy.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation in our work.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "F.C. Lu".

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WHO

1. Food additives to be evaluated

Aspartame
bentonite
cellulose, powdered
diethylene glycol monoethyl ether
glycerol mono- and di-acetates
oxidized hydroxypropyl distarch glycerol
sorboyl palmitate

In addition, specifications for identity and purity for the following substances will be prepared: avian pepsin, carbon dioxide, glycerol and nitrogen.

2. Food additives to be re-evaluated

butylated hydroxyanisole
butylated hydroxytoluene
calcium hydrogen sulfite
esters of glycerol and thermally oxidized soybean fatty acids
gallates, dodecyl, octyl, propyl
glycerol esters of wood rosin
magnesium silicate
mannitol
menthol
mineral oil
nitrites, potassium and sodium salts (HJK)
Orange RN
pimaricin
sucrose esters of fatty acids and sucroglycerides
trichloroethylene

In addition, the existing FAO/WHO specifications for identity and purity for the following substances will be reviewed: chlorine dioxide, hydrochloric acid (HJK), lactic acid, propylene glycol, polyvinyl pyrrolidone (PVP) and sodium polyphosphate.

3. Assessment of the significance of certain experimental findings observed in animals treated with chemically modified starches.
4. Criteria for establishing priorities for the evaluation of flavouring substances.

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