

SPI Meeting, Sept 20, 1967 - Personnel Notes

A Personal Contacts

- (1) Asked Bill Esterline (Dow) if extra copy of Dow report on SO_2 available.
He will check.
- (2) Told Messrs Stone & Morris of Eastman had no word from foreign contact on oxidized polyethylene reproduction effects.
- (3) Al Spurge and Geo Ingfa of Monsanto have no knowledge of present status of butyl benzyl phthalate but Ingfa stated that petition was very badly organized and not understandable to FDA who suggested withdrawal.
- (4) L. Morgan was no ~~definite~~ knowledge of harmful effects of dl lactac; dl lactac has been suspect about article he sent to me as does not make adequate case against scam dl lactac.
- (5) Met Charles S Spry of Continental Can and refferenced our telephone conv. of a few weeks ago re Bida Scan comment.

B The Meeting (Item numbers per agenda)

- 4 (a) Wendell Munro (Cyanoacril) (lots of mutual friends from 2 files) gave an excellent presentation of new paper colorants regulations (see special file for disc of regulation). SOCMA committee had no prior review before issuance of proposal/regulation.
- (b) W. B. Ackart described tests for polyolefin (bottles) to be used for drug plugging. Light transmission test no good unless have special spherical light collector which only one company had; vibration det. does not give very consistent results; H_2O Trans test needs revision. These difficulties can probably be surmounted presumably without further testing round.

- (c) Taylor Haneven reported that MCA is expected to make comments on procedural regulations and requests to say ext.
- (d) James R S McCarthy (Am Pym Dist.) reports that proper mfg cannot be responsible for dips, could make sandwich tests.
- (e) Spiagl - Can Mfg Institute has seconded SPI criticism of FDA Guidelines.
- (f) SPI reply to Regs for Fair Pkgng & Labeling Act - See letter (SPI file) of May 2, 1967 Crea to Hearing Clerk.
- 5 (a) - SPI Manual "Plastic Packaging for Dry Products" to be passed in 2-3 wks. Committee members to receive copy.
- (b) No ^{FDA} comment yet forthcoming on SPI criticism of FDA Guidelines. ~~Heckman has circulated FDA staff members~~ Ramsey has circulated FDA staff members
- (c) Heckman reiterated his opinion of Guidelines vs Procedural regulations - the latter must recognize comments and criticisms or can be taken to court. H. described past history of FDA Food Additive regs. Arthur Chace (a very reasonable man) was first in charge of promulgating regulations and gave several speeches on subject but he left FDA for greener pastures whereupon job was taken over by triumvirate of Wolfshug, Spiagl and Heck. The new policy (an additive is an additive if you test for it) appears to have arisen via mouth of Spiagl to Goodrich who adopted it. The new "procedural" regulations is presumed to have been written by Spiagl without consultation with authors.

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 Arthur Chace
 James R. S. McCarthy

but with this prior document in hand. Visit to Kirk on time extension refused 90 days, offered 30 days. SPI will ask for 60 days as did MCA. Committee passed resolution to file comments and, if necessary, request hearing. Subcommittee of Heckman, Doyle, Miller, Hanawalt, Spry, Knapp and Condit appointed.

(d) Freedom of Information Act - Regs by FDA?

(e) July issue of FDC Law Journal - Morris Etkin: - philosophy

8. Bob Miller

(a) Shell petition for ionox 100 - granted in terms of percent instead of mg/in^2 ; see minutes.

(b) Arnold Finestone - Hope that proposed procedure will be accepted procedural step for detecting migration of metals.

(c) Is a food colorant a food additive? (Section 8)

6. Geo Doyle

(a) Geo talk before Western Hemisphere Conf. following Canadian speaker whose indirect additives are not recognized.

(b) At scheduled interview with Goldard, Doyle & Heckman were intercepted by Kirk who promised to carry idea of Industry Advisory Forum to Goldard. Sk (Kirk) suggested that idea might be better received if it arose within FDA organization. Cruise, Heckman, Doyle (via letter) have N.Y. date (lunches, Monahan, Etkin & ss) for Oct. 27

7 Geo Scriba

(a) Change our name to Food, Drug and Cosmetic

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Packaging Materials Committee

(b) Legislative outlook dull.

9. International Developments

(a) New Spanish Food Code - Helman

(b) Codex Alimentarius - Hanawalt

(c) British Meeting to Act on Frawley proposal, he will be in London on the next day (on way to Cedar meeting)

(d) Dutch Regulations - comments permissible to Dec 31, 1967.

11. Next Meeting - About Dec, 1967

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