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TO: R. T. CALLAHAN

FROM: E. J. Jago

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SUBJECT: CAUTION LABELS FOR
ASBESTOS CONTAINING
PRODUCTS

It is my considered opinion that our existing formulation for Profax[®] 31 does not constitute any hazard to users as the asbestos fiber is locked into place by a phenolic resin. In normal operation dust is not generated during use except after the board has been subjected to sufficient high temperature to alter the crystal structure of the fiber and change its toxic properties.

Proflex*, however, currently contains a higher proportion of asbestos than Profax[®] and the degree of bonding is less so dusting during use may possibly be encountered and therefore the product could possibly be regarded as potentially hazardous.

Premix contains asbestos fiber in unbonded condition and a little dust is created when the product is dumped into the mixing tank and potentially could be classified as a hazardous material.

It seems that the caution label:

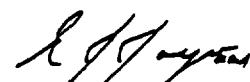
CAUTION

Contains asbestos fibers
Avoid creating dust
Breathing asbestos dust
May cause bodily harm

will be needed on Proflex* and Premix

but not on Profax[®] 31.

I, therefore, recommend that you obtain stick-on labels for application to all Proflex* and Premix boxes. These labels should be about 3x2 inches, orange in color, the word "caution" should be in 1/2 in. letters and the other wording in 1/8 in. characters.


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