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Aroclor precautionary labeling

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Attached is a resume of the historical practice in labeling Aroclor products from prior to 1947 to date. There are three memos dated in May, 1947, which confirm the precautions regarding skin contact and inhalation of fumes and dust were agreeable to the Surgeon General and also conform to the California Hazardous Chemical Labeling Law passed at about that time.

The general labeling practice for Aroclors has been to stencil the brand name "Aroclor" with the appropriate numeral designation for the product and also affix the caution label illustrated on the Xerox copy. All drums included the precaution information along with stenciling or shipping instructions.

Where use of the brand name "Aroclor" was unacceptable to a customer, the Chlorinated Diphenyl-Tech label was used to provide the appropriate caution regarding skin contact and breathing of vapor or fumes.

Rather than maintain two labels for the same product line, in May, 1959, the caution "Contains Chlorinated Hydrocarbons" label was prepared to serve both purposes. The precautionary information was expanded somewhat to give instructions concerning removal in the event of skin contact or eye contact and also comment regarding clothing which might have become soaked with the material. The precautions as such are consistent with those used since 1947.

In July, 1960, the label size was reduced slightly without significant reduction in type size. The size reduction was simply to provide the same container label at a somewhat lower unit cost. This same label has been reprinted many times and used since July 25, 1960.

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Attachment

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