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Re: Claim O.D. 5689-22
Harry Kliner

Medical Department
Industrial Commission of Ohio
Columbus, Ohio

Gentlemen:

On May 5, 1952, a visit was made to the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio, to check conditions under which the above named claimant had worked.

The company manufactures tires.

According to company records, the claimant started to work for them on April 29, 1925, building tires. He was classified as a tire builder. From January 5, 1942 until June 4, 1945, he built fuel tank linings. After the fuel tank linings were discontinued in 1945, he again started to build tires and worked as a tire builder until May 12, 1951.

As a tire builder, he would place partially assembled parts of rubberized fabric upon a revolving steel drum. These parts were various sizes and shapes necessary to produce an uncured or green tire. These various parts are cemented together either by using a rubber cement or by tackifying the rubberized fabric together with gasoline. No soapstone, talc, or any other dry powders are used in the building of a tire. If any were used, they would cause impairment and effect the quality of the product.

The writer visited the tire building area where the claimant worked. It was found that some of the rubberized fabric was placed on canvas holders and some of the fabric was on rolls. The writer could find no source of free silica in the tire building department where the claimant worked. Approximately 200 feet from the tire building area there was a dusting operation in which soapstone was used. During the claimant's long period of employment, one cannot say that the claimant did not walk through or past this area but it is of no hygienic importance as far as the tire building is concerned.

Very truly yours,

Don HANNA,
Safety Advisor.

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