

Manufacturing Chemists Association

Minutes of Meeting

LABELS AND PRECAUTIONARY INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Twin Bridges Marriott January 17 & 18, 1978 Washington, D.C.

Chairman Jones convened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. on January 17.
The record of attendance is:

MEMBERS PRESENT

W. H. Jones, Chairman	Eastman Kodak Company
R. H. Dewey, Vice Chairman	IMC Chemical Group, Inc.
R. C. Andrews*	Diamond Shamrock Corporation
S. W. Beckstead	Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation
J. J. Bonin	Shell Chemical Company
L. W. Burnette	GAF Corporation
A. G. Chasar	Mobil Chemical Company
C. U. Dernehl*	Union Carbide Corporation
P. G. Elsey	Ethyl Corporation
J. F. Lemen*	Hooker Chemicals & Plastic Corporation
K. S. Logan*	Pennwalt Corporation
M. B. Lore	E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Company
J. K. Peterson (for J. S. Mackay)	USS Chemicals Div. of U.S. Steel
D. G. MacKellar	FMC Corporation
R. F. Philpitt*	Olin Corporation
R. E. Rutherford*	Gulf Oil Corporation
W. L. Schleyer	Philadelphia Quartz Company
A. C. Wasser (for A. W. Sheldon)	M & T Chemicals, Inc.
G. R. Sido	Monsanto Company
P. Sonneborn	Fisher Scientific Company
A. T. Talcott	The Dow Chemical Company
R. G. Troup	J. T. Baker Chemical Company
A. G. Wheeler	ICI Americas, Inc.
M. Freifeld	MCA

*(Attended January 17 Only)

A task group headed by Mr. Trexel and including Mrs. Redd and Mr. Yanno was formed to review 77 labels for presentation to the full Committee at the next LAPIC meeting in January.

(6.0) OSHA Proposal on Labeling (Ref. Ltr. Wrenn to Freifeld, 9/20/77)

The following replaces 6.0 in total:

An MCA delegation including Dr. Jones, Messrs. Sheldon, Trexel and Freifeld met with OSHA's Grover Wrenn, Director - Health Standards Programs, and Barbara Cohrsen, Project Officer, on September 23rd to discuss the above subject. The delegation reviewed for the Committee some of the details of the meeting. The LAPI Committee was told that a great deal of time at OSHA was spent in discussing the pros and cons of chemical listing and asking for clarification on the other points.

The delegation emphasized that ANSI Standard Z129.1 contains adequate procedures to identify a product or its hazardous component(s) if identifying a mixture. OSHA was unaware of the existence of this section in the ANSI standard. There was no discussion at OSHA on the labeling portion of the proposed standard except that we strongly suggested the use of the definitions in ANSI Z129.1 to identify hazardous chemicals in the workplace and for labeling containers of hazardous chemicals to be shipped. The comments from OSHA were very general in nature.

The full Committee agreed that we should keep in close contact with OSHA and act promptly on any further information supplied by them.

2.0 Membership

The Committee acted favorably on the nominations of Messrs. R. L. Finocchio, R. Gordon and Mrs. J. B. Redd.

3.0 Proposal to Publish Recommended Labels

Mr. Trexel reported for this task group, which includes Mrs. Redd and Mr. Yanno, that thirty-one labels prepared according to ANSI Z129.1 format were recently turned over to the Secretary. When these are distributed and added to the seventy-seven sent recently, the Committee will have in hand a complete set of labels drafted in the ANSI format for chemicals in MCA Chemical Safety Data Sheets. It was noted that some SDS's require more than one label. Full Committee action is now required.

Since the Committee can only consider a relatively few labels at any given meeting, Dr. Young supplied the following list for which he recommends first priority:

<u>SD#</u>		<u>SD#</u>		<u>SD#</u>	
2	Benzene	18	Ethylene dichloride	58	Naphthalene
3	Carbon tetrachloride	19	Dimethylsulfate	63	Toluene
4	Phenol	24	Perchloroethylene	74	Sulfur
8	Ammonia, anhydrous	31	Acrylonitrile	81	Benzoyl peroxide
12	Carbon disulfide	37	Styrene monomer	85	Acrolein
13	Ammonia, aqua	40	Methyl chloride	89	Chloroform
14	Trichloroethylene	42	Sodium chlorate	90	1,1,1-Trichloroethane
15	Acetic anhydride	46	Sodium and potassium dichromates and chromates		

The Committee was commended for its work.

Labels in SDS's are changed only when the SDS is revised.

4.0 Technical Publications

4.1 Procedures

These were reviewed by Dr. Young and it was noted that there is no formal mechanism for adding subjects for SDS's other than via the Safety and Fire Protection Committee. Five SDS's previously named are in the final stages.

About two dozen other SDS's are now scheduled for revision and subsequent issue at the rate of about one every two weeks.

4.2 Statement for Addition to each Label

Upon review of the general procedure for publication of labels, Dr. Young reported that he has been directed by MCA Counsel to add the following statement to labels which appear in SDS's:

"Notice: Space on label limited, Before Using or Handling _____, read MCA Safety Data Sheet SD-_____. Precautionary information should be provided to all persons using, handling or otherwise exposed to _____."

Committee members felt that such a statement could incur even more liability for member companies than they now have, since