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TO :W. E. Schalk

Some time ago you had asked me to skim the OSHA law and give you my impression. The full publication, with index, is available to anyone in my office.

The purpose of the law is to provide a reasonably safe working environment for all employees. Its provisions affect all of our customers. However, experience has shown that small shops will not be inspected routinely, unless employees request it. The only specific references to processing of plastics involves calendering (emergency cutoff, etc.). DOP and DMP are mentioned as requiring protective equipment, if concentration limits of 5 (five) mg/m^3 are exceeded.

The consequences of the Act should include:

1. Occasional requests for OSHA sheets involving our products (now available and handled by Field Sales.

2. Customer requests for information, such as: volatility, vapor pressure, flash and fire points, threshold values, chemical identification of products.

3. A need for test methods to measure ppm plasticizer concentration (PRG is on top of this).

4. Additional burden which our salesmen will need to overcome: customers/unions will be more and more reluctant to change.

Carbide and Monsanto are regarded as having done the best job in helping customers collect the required information.

So much for a quickie answer; I would suggest we set up a session with Ollie de Garmo to see how he intends getting involved in our business along these lines.

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