

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF 3rd MEETING OF EEC ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON 20th MAY 1978

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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7. Labelling.

- 7.1. Considerable time was spent on discussing the pro's and contra's of labelling.

Opinions on the desirability of starting at this moment; a voluntary labelling scheme differed widely from one country to the other, but there was general agreement on the necessity to prepare a label in order not to be taken by surprise later on.

- 7.2. As for the type of label and its wording, ALA/London would circulate a questionnaire among EAC members asking them to give their countries views on the following points :

1. Should the label refer to the fact that the product contains asbestos ?
2. Should it contain the words "CAUTION" or "WARNING" ?
3. Should the label refer to the nature of the danger ?
(creation of dust - inhaling dust).
4. Should the label contain an advise to observe safety instructions
5. Should there be a mention of "HEALTH HAZARDS" ?
6. Should the label contain a logo and if so, which one ?

- 7.3. It was felt that the EAC should agree on and propose a "minimum statement" for the label, to which individual countries could add further information according to national requirements.

- 7.4. Various members reported on the present situation or future action in their country as regards labelling.

Most participants were in favour of an action in various stages, the switching over from one stage to a further less favourable one, depending on outside pressure :

1st stage : health and safety recommendations included in a leaflet together with recommendations for handling.

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