

*Benzene hexachloride drums
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ETHYL CORPORATION

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NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

July 13, 1950

Dr. Robert A. Kehoe
College of Medicine
Kettering Laboratory of Applied Physiology
Eden Avenue
Cincinnati 19, Ohio

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

I am enclosing copies of correspondence exchanged with the Texas Claims Service in regard to alleged injury to a workman engaged in handling empty benzene hexachloride drums. I personally doubt whether there is much possibility that the workman could have been injured in the manner described.

We will appreciate it if you will supply such information as you may have with respect to possibility of such an injury occurring in accordance with the last paragraph of my letter. I also would appreciate receiving copies of your correspondence for our Legal Department's files.

Yours very truly,

Charles L. Smith

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P.S. I am wondering whether you have been able to get together some information on ethylene dibromide for submission to Westvaco. They are anxious to obtain some information and have called me again.

July 13, 1950

Texas Claims Service
807 Broad Street
Wichita Falls, Texas

Attention: Mr. T. A. Flannery

Gentlemen:

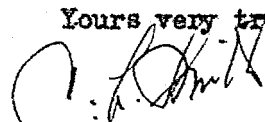
We are replying to your letter of July 6, 1950 with respect to alleged lung injury claimed by person handling empty benzene hexachloride drums purchased by your assured from Agricultural Chemicals, Inc. of Llano, Texas.

We have sold to Agricultural Chemicals, Inc. the technical chemical benzene hexachloride, $C_6H_6Cl_6$. The material is shipped by us to Agricultural Chemicals, Inc. in drums in the form of a dry flaked material. The drums bear labels containing adequate warnings and precautions for use as required under the Federal Insecticide Act. Millions of pounds of this material have been produced, shipped, ground, mixed and dusted on agricultural crops without reported injuries to personnel handling it.

We are, of course, not in a position to know whether the drums to which you refer were drums in which our product was shipped or contained, or, if so, whether any other products were placed in these containers after removal of the technical benzene hexachloride.

We are referring a copy of this letter and a copy of your inquiry to our Medical Department with the request that they supply you with such medical records and data as will be of assistance to your examining physician.

Yours very truly,



Charles L. Smith
Product Development Department

CLS:ga
CC: Dr. Robert A. Kahoe

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CASUALTY

A. A. Werlla, Owner

All Lines
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TEXAS CLAIMS SERVICE

Insurance Adjusters
Investigators
807 Broad Street

Wichita Falls, Texas

July 6, 1950

Ethyl Corporation
405 Lexington
New York 17, N. Y.

Attention: Chemical Department

Gentlemen:

We represent the Houston Fire and Casualty Insurance Company and are investigating a compensation claim wherein the claimant alleges that while handling some fiber drums which had contained benzene hexachloride, the claimant received injury to his lungs.

We would appreciate very much your furnishing us with the chemical mixture of the benzene hexachloride in order that we might give this information to the examining physician to determine whether the claimant's injury was actually caused by such chemicals.

For your further information, it was not in the use of your product which the claimant alleges injury, it was while employed by our assured who had purchased the empty drums from the Agricultural Chemicals, Inc. of Llano, Texas, and had delivered them to Wichita Falls, and while in the process of unloading the empty drums, the claimant alleges the injury.

Trusting that you will favor us with this information at an early date,

We are,

Yours very truly,

TEXAS CLAIMS SERVICE

(Signed) T. A. Flannery

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