

Dr. Augusto M. Viera,
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Buenos Aires.-

Buenos Aires, May 7th. 1945

Dear Sir,

Decree N° 7584/45 dated 9th. April 1945 establishes that the Director General of Public Health will exercise control over and fiscalise the manufacturing, distribution and sale of the lead compounds referred to in the said decree and that your Department must submit for consideration of the Government within 90 days the necessary regulations for the exercise of the control referred to.

My Principals, The Associated Ethyl Company Limited, are the successors of Ethyl Export Corporation who, through their parent Company, the Ethyl Gasoline Corporation, pioneered the manufacture and distribution of anti-knock lead compounds in the year 1923. From the start, we have insisted on the medical supervision of the men engaged in manufacturing and blending operations of our product. We have a Medical Director - Doctor Robert A. Kehoe - Professor of Physiology at the University of Cincinnati and Director of the Kettering Laboratory of Applied Physiology - University of Cincinnati.

Doctor Robert A. Kehoe and his assistants have made a detailed study of lead intoxication, especially in regard to lead tetraethyl intoxication, and his studies have been recognized the world over by doctors and official medical bodies who have been guided by them.

In each country where lead tetraethyl is used, it is the custom of our Company to appoint a medical consultant, instructed on the subject by Doctor Kehoe, and this medical consultant is in charge of the men engaged in manufacturing and blending operations of lead tetraethyl. In the Argentine Republic our medical consultant is Dr. Alfred Pavlovsky, who has not only had the opportunity of discussing the matter personally with Dr. Kehoe, but has also, since 1940, been in charge of the examination of the men engaged in blending operations at the Government Refinery in Ensenada, as well as at the Refinery of Compañia Nativa de Petróleos S.A. in Campana.

In view of the above, I take the liberty of suggesting the possibility that Doctor Pavlovsky be invited to co-operate with the committee entrusted with the drawing up of the regulations foreseen in Article N° 5 of the Decree referred to.

In view of the fact that Doctor A. Pavlovsky's intervention in the matter is known to the General Manager of Y.P.F., I have taken the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to the President of the said institution who, I have no doubt, will be in a position to give you any references you may require with regard to Doctor Pavlovsky.

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