

CHICLE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY
500 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

December 2nd 1945

Mr. Nelson Buck,
c/o Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Buck,

I am enclosing herewith copy of the
allowed in making examination for

at the source.

I have selected four employees of the
Chicle Development Company; Mr. Moore, who is now in Mexico,
Mr. Brydon, our manager in Mexico, Mr. Porter, our agent in Cozumel,
and one subordinate, and asked them to investigate this matter in
the Laguna, Campeche, Merida and the Cozumel sections. I feel
we will get a thorough report.

Very truly yours,

CHICLE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

S.S. Yates,
President.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXAMING ALL MATERIALS AT THE SOURCE FOR CONTAMINATION BY LEAD.

We have been advised that there is an apparent contamination by lead of some of the chicle, that has been imported this year. We want to make a thorough investigation at the source to determine whether or not there is such contamination.

Please go to a representative number of camps, which will be discussed in a separate memorandum to each individual, making investigation, and watch the chicle production from the tapping of the tree to the delivery of the chicle to our warehouses. Take particular care to watch individual productions, selected at random, from the time the chicle is tapped until it is coagulated and molded into blocks. Describe in detail every step of the operations which you see and particularly note every material with which the chicle comes in contact. Write a separate description for each production which you watch and note specifically any variations, and do not in any way attempt to influence the chicleero to change his customary method - whether it be right or wrong. Answer specifically the following questions:-

1. Who manufactures the machetes you saw in use or in the stock in the contractors' stores?
2. How is the latex transferred from the out in the tree to the container at the foot of the tree?
3. Of what is the container (used at the base of the tree) made?
What sort of container is used for storage of the chicle in the camp?
4. What sort of container is used to transport the chicle from the tree to the camp?
5. Does chicle latex come in contact with anything else before cooking?
Does the latex use a kerosene tin or other receptacle latex before cooking?
6. Does the chicleero use a metalscreen for removing the bark before cooking?

Is it riveted plate?

12. Does it contain any soldered joints? If so, of what is the solder composed?

12. (continued)

(You probably cannot answer this question from your own knowledge but try to scrape off a sample of the solder).

13. Does the solder show signs of melting in use?

14. What is used for stirring the latex in the kettle?

15. What comes in contact with the chicle before molding, after it is taken out of the kettle:

Burlap bags?

Palm leaves?

Anything else?

16. Of what are the molds made? If wood, what kind?

17. Are the molds covered with soap or other material?

18. How is chicle stored before transportation?

19. In what kind of bags is the chicle transported to the contractor's central?

20. Are the chicle blocks cut contractor's or

21. What materials come

22. Is the chicle stored on cement floor?

In kind of
warehouse?

24. With what is it in contact:-
Wooden floors?
Iron?
Concrete?

Describe the points at which the chicle is weighed and note the materials on the scales with which it comes in contact.

Follow one chicle through from the tapping to the cooking and get a sample of each material or utensil in contact with the chicle, which you actually saw produced from the tree through to the cooking kettle and finally blocked.

Except for the machete and the kettle itself, we want all the materials with which this particular chicle was in contact. We also want about one pound of the chicle, which you have actually seen in contact with these actual materials. If the kettle is soldered, try to scrape off a sample of the solder. Do this in a number of individual cases as outlined in the memorandum addressed to you individually.

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