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Memorandum

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

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TO : Andrew Krulwich, General Counsel
Through: Executive Director
Through: Assoc. Exec. Director, for C&E
Through: Catherine C. Cook, Director, CEPD

DATE: 18 OCT 1979

FROM : Marvin Everhart, Project Officer, CEPD ME

SUBJECT: Status Report - Field Survey of Hair Dryers in Hair Salons (For October 24, 1979 Briefing)

Based on information supplied by companies in response to the Commission's Special Order requiring information on bonnet, salon-type, hand-held dryers or drying guns and free standing nozzle-type blow dryers, CEPD compiled an interim list of known manufacturers of hair dryers for consumer use in hair salons as well as the manufacturers' individual model hair dryers which contain asbestos.

CEPD requested each Area Office and Resident Post to survey at least five hair salons to determine whether or not hair dryers identified on the list are currently in use. Attached is a copy of the assignment.

Results of the field survey are tabulated on the attached chart.

Attachments

Marvin's

REQUEST FOR FIELD SERVICES — SHORTTERM

DATE: September 5, 1979

TO: ALL AREA OFFICE DIRECTORS

FROM: Marvin Everhart, ME, CEPD

CONTACT: Marvin Everhart, CEPD

PHONE: 492-6608

ISSUANCE:

PROJECT: 40 163

PRIORITY: HIGH (2 weeks)

TARGET: September 19, 1979

ESTIMATED MANHOURS: 370

SUBJECT: Field Survey of Hair Dryers in Hair Salons

Please conduct a field survey to determine whether or not hair dryers containing asbestos are currently being used in hair salons.

Attached are lists of seven manufacturers CEPD believes sell to hair salons as well as the manufacturers' individual models which contain asbestos.

Initial contact should be with beauty supply distributors to determine which hair salons purchased the identified dryer models from the manufacturers.

Once a list of suspect hair salons is obtained at least five hair salon establishments should be visited in each city containing a resident post or area office.

During each visit, please determine (1) whether or not the hair dryers identified on the list are in use and (2) if they are in use which salon is using what specific dryer.

Results should be called in to Marvin Everhart at (301) 492-6608

Results must be received by September 19.

For planning purposes, we estimate 10 hours per city. ATL 50 hrs. BOS 10 hrs., CHI 20 hrs, CLEV 30 hrs., DAL 40 hrs., DEN 10 hrs., KAN 20 hrs., LOS 20 hrs., MIN 20 hrs., NYC 60 hrs., PHIL 50 hrs., SAN 20 hrs., SEA 20 hrs.

Please record location of any dryers found for possible follow-up.

TO BE FILLED IN BY AREA OFFICE

DATE COMPLETED: _____

MANHOURS ACTUALLY REQUIRED: _____

TRAVEL TIME REQUIRED: _____

COMMENTS:

COMPANY	MODELS WITH ASBESTOS
Dynex International Ltd 25 West 43rd Street New York, N.Y. 10036 (212) 354-9244 354-0576	M 20S M 20E ;:Both Salon Type Dryers asbestos in Hood. M 7 M 7S ::Hand Held Dryers asbestos encapsulated in silver coating in cone near nozzle. M 2 ::Hand Held Dryer asbestos encapsulated in silver coating in cone near nozzle.

COMPANY ACTIONS AND POLICY	MODELS WITHOUT ASBESTOS
	Revised August 8, 1979

COMPANY	MODELS WITH ASBESTOS
Wahl Clipper Corporation 2902 North Locust Street Sterling, Illinois 61081 (815) 625-6525	Wahl Part No: 5300 :Collegiate Hair Dryer :asbestos on back of foil around heat element out of air flow. Wahl Part No: 5350 : Collegiate Tote-me dryer : asbestos on back of foil around heating element out of air flow Wahl Part No: 5400 : Stand Up Styler Dryer with attachments (blue) : asbestos around heat element Wahl Part No: 5450 : Stand up styler dryer with attachments (grey) : asbestos around heat element. Wahl Part No. 5480 : 10-in-1 Styler Dryer Kit : asbestos around heat element. Wahl Part No. 5460 : PET STYLER DRYER GROOMER : asbestos around heating element. Wahl Part No. 5800 :Thermospot Testor :asbestos around heating element. -USED BY ELECTRICIANS

COMPANY ACTIONS AND POLICY	MODELS WITHOUT ASBESTOS
	Wahl Part No: 5200 : Dryer with Stand
	August 8

COMPANY	MODELS WITH ASBESTOS
Bonat Incorporated Beauty Equipment Manufacturing Corp. 250 Lackawanna Ave. West Paterson, New Jersey 07424 (201) 256-3400	Rocket Blower Models B-10 B-11 B-14 All free standing

COMPANY ACTIONS AND POLICY	MODELS WITHOUT ASBESTOS
Model 14 Rocket Blower submitted to United States Testing Company, Inc. Environmental Sciences Division, 1415 Park Ave., Hoboken, New Jersey 07030 for testing. Report dated May 24, 1979, indicated that although asbestos was emitted, it was less than the recommended standard by NIOSH If anyone is uncertain or nervous about asbestos in the dryer's blower then Bonat will provide replacement material. It will, however, be up to that person to implement change.	Model 21 jet blower Model II rocket blower

COMPANY	MODELS WITH ASBESTOS	
Rolf Brauchli Inc. RBI Importers & Distributors 8044 Lawndale Skokie, Ill 60076 (?) 675-0087	SOLANOTRONIC 131 1200 Watt SOLANO 130 1200 Watt ::Have not contained asbestos since April 79 :: asbestos liner is inside front tube of the dryer housing around the heating element.	

COMPANY ACTIONS AND POLICY	MODELS WITHOUT ASBESTOS

Trade Name	Model	Description
SOLIS	106	750 Watt
"	110	" "
"	210	550 "
"	102	500 "
Termofor SOLIS	122	450 "
"	306	800 "
"	310	600 "
"	371	450 "
"	309	1200 "
"	311	1200 "
"	310	1000 "
SOLIS	99	210 "
"	100	350 "
"	199	210 "
"	299	300 "
"	300	350 "
"	330	350 "
"	331	350 "

Revised August 1

COMPANY	MODELS WITH ASBESTOS
Merit Enterprises 140 Thomas Place Newark, New Jersey (201) 242-8200	Salon (Hood) style dryers: Models: HD-20 HD-21 HD-22 Merit discontinued manufacturing the above models in 71 or 72. Asbestos was used as a heat shield and was placed under the heating element.

COMPANY ACTIONS AND POLICY	MODELS WITHOUT ASBESTOS
	All others

COMPANY	MODELS WITH ASBESTOS
The Andis Company 1718 Layard Avenue Racine, Wisconsin 53404 (414) 634-3356 (414) 558-9441 Previously known as The Andis Clipper Co. Names associated with Andis Clipper Electro Tool Andis Products	Electro Dryer Model ED :asbestos material was used as a liner in dryer nozzle. : discontinued 1976 Electro Dryer II, Model ED2 :asbestos material used in dryer nozzle. : discontinued 1977 Ultra 1200 model U-12 :asbestos material in nozzle. :discontinued 1978 Elite 1500, Model 480-EL :asbestos material used in nozzle. :in current model the asbestos material has been replaced with a ceramic type liner. Andis Elite 1250,Model E-12 :asbestos material was used in dryer nozzle. :use of asbestos has been discontinued.

COMPANY ACTIONS AND POLICY	MODELS WITHOUT ASBESTOS
	Ultra 1400, Model U-14
	August 8,1979

Area Office	Dynex Internat.	Wahl Clipper Corp.	Jeffco Company	Rolf Brauchli
Seattle	Dynex M-7 found with no asbestos liner, One supplier in Portland had sold Dynex dryers in the past.			Asbestos liners removed from dry with distributors. One Solano us in salon, unit owned by operator located in Portland having Solano tronics with asbestos: New units purchased after April 1979 contai One supplier in Portland had sold Brauchli dryers in the past. A se sold only Rolf Brauchli dryers an facturer attempted to locate unit asbestos.

1 Clipper Corp.	Jeffco Company	Rolf Brauchli	Bonat, Inc.	Merit Enterpris.	Andis Company
		Two Solanotronics with distributor but both units had been retrofitted by manufacturer. A second distributor had two Solanotronics in stock for over a year. No retrofit.			Elite 1500s returned to factor for retrofit
		Two solanos in shop used on daily basis for over a year			
		Solanotronics 131 retrofitted but now back with customer			One Andris Ultra 1200 U-12 r turned for retrofit
		Solano units retrofitted new units came with statement - no asbestos. Solano and Solanotronics being sold without asbestos			
not find any ers on list at tributors or uty salons	Did not find any dryers on list at distributors or beauty salons	Did not find any dryers on list at distributors or beauty salons	Bonat Rocket Blower had been sold by distributors from 2 to 3 years ago but none sold since that time		
		3 Solano's with distributors, claims they had been recalled and retrofitted.			
nd no dryers on t at either uty salons or uty suppliers	Found no dryers list at either beauty salons or beauty suppliers	Found no dryers on list at either beauty salons or beauty suppliers	Found no dryers on list at either beauty salons or beauty suppliers	Found no dryers on list at either beauty salons or beauty suppliers	Found no dryers on list at either beauty salons or beauty suppliers

Area Office	Dynex Internat.	Wahl Clipper Corp.	Jeffco Company	Rolf Brauchli	Bonat, Inc.
Denver				Two Solanotronics with distributor but both units had been retrofitted by manufacturer. A second distributor had two Solanotronics in stock for over a year. No retrofit.	
Kansas City				Two solanos in shop used on daily basis for over a year	
Los Angeles				Solanotronics 131 retrofitted but now back with customer	
Minneapolis (Twin Cities)				Solano units retrofitted new units came with statement - no asbestos. Solano and Solanotronics being sold without asbestos	
New York	Did not find any dryers on list at distributors or beauty salons	Did not find any dryers on list at distributors or beauty salons	Did not find any dryers on list at distributors or beauty salons	Did not find any dryers on list at distributors or beauty salons	Bonat Rocket Blower had been sold by distributo from 2 to 3 years ago but none sold since that time
Philadelphia	Dynex with asbestos found in salon			3 Solano's with distributors, claims they had been recalled and retrofitted.	
San Francisco	Found no dryers on list at either beauty salons or beauty suppliers	Found no dryers on list at either beauty salons or beauty suppliers	Found no dryers list at either beauty salons or beauty suppliers	Found no dryers on list at either beauty salons or beauty suppliers	Found no dryers on list at either beauty salons or beauty suppliers

FIELD SURVEY OF HAIR SALONS

Clipper Corp	Jeffco Company	Rolf Brauchli	Bonat, Inc.	Merit Enterpris.	Andis Company
	Jeffco brand has been sold (no records) in the Louisville, KY area.	One supplier in Atlanta recalled selling Solanos and Solanotronics. One supplier in Louisville, KY sold a lot of Solanos' and Solanotronics'. Manufacturer contacted offered courtesy recall either to exchange dryer for new unit without asbestos or remove asbestos from barrel per manufacturer's instructions. 80 units returned to manufacturer (no records kept of returnees). Some owner/operators don't want to give up dryers for retrofit. A second supplier has sold a few Solano's, three suppliers purchased Solanos 3 to 4 months ago with stickers stating unit contains no asbestos.			
no distribu-and retailers models listed art.	Found no distributors and retailers with models listed on chart.	Distributor has sold few Solanos over the counter at retail	Supplier says Bonat dryer used in pet salons	Found no distributors and retailers with models listed on chart.	Found no distributors and retailers with models listed on chart
		Some Solanotronics recalled in Chicago to have asbestos removed. Indianapolis Resident Post found 3 Solanotronics-don't know if it contains asbestos or not, but salon said no notice received from distributor about asbestos dryers.	Bonat dryers used in pet salons		
land found her dryers	Cleveland found no other dryers	Cleveland found no other dryers	Cleveland found no other dryers	Cleveland found no other dryers	Andris Elit 1250 recalled and asbestos removed
		Solantronic in use in barber shop in New Orleans. Solano in use in beauty salons in Tulsa. No contact from distributor about asbestos problem although 5 of the 6 units are older units. Solanotronics in Phoenix had been retrofitted. In Houston, one distributor sold one Solanotronic last year but had received no notification from the manufacturer that the unit contained asbestos.			Distributor in New Orleans has 2 Elite 1500 model 480-EL in stock.

PRODUCT-DRYERS/STYLERS

Briefing package of material submitted to the Commission re: Status-Progress Report Summary, evleven hair dryer corrective action plans - Memorandum from HICP - 10/23/79

See:

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