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MEMO TO: Ron Benton & Bob Burton

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After considerable deliberation, it is my feeling that it will be impossible to put the necessary words together on a purchase order to cover all products containing asbestos. We would either have so many words they would not be read, or the vendor would decline to sign. Instead of trying to put together an airtight clause, I would be in favor of simply using your first sentence, "It is the policy of Reynolds Metals Company that we no longer purchase asbestos products." This would be read by everyone, would put them on notice, and would take care of the more obvious problems such as marinite and other products fabricated from asbestos. If we retain the word "containing", it would simply end up in the hands of lawyers again without significant progress.

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It is the policy of Reynolds Metals Company that we no longer purchase asbestos containing products. If, however, an asbestos product is quoted or furnished it must be noted and labeled as "asbestos containing material or equipment".

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