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)UERY Q1: What safe handling advice does Monsanto give to Aroclor customers ?

Q2: Can PCBs cause illnesses in human beings ?

Q3: What is the cost of Aroclor ?

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\1: U.K. customers are supplied with a booklet specifically dealing with the safe handling of Aroclor. Aroclor has been used by industry for some 30 years and can be handled with safety providing that a strict standard of personal hygiene is observed. For instance, it is recommended that those handling the material should wash well with soap and water before eating, drinking and smoking and at the end of work. There should be adequate ventillation and it is recommended that goggles and oil resistant gloves should be used to protect eyes and hands. However, it must be pointed out, that these materials have been in use for 30 years and are not considered to be highly toxic.

\2: Gross exposure could have an effect on the skin giving rise to a condition known as chloracne and could cause liver damage.

\3: Thirty shillings to £2 a gallon.

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SOURCE OF ANSWER (List All Sources)

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