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Johnson and Johnson
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

I am presently finishing a literature review on health effects of asbestos. In assessing the justification of current calls for removal of asbestos from talcum powders, there are several things I wish to know:

(1) How long have cosmetic talcs, in particular Johnson's powder been in suspension, publication?

(2) What would be involved (cost, plant process changes) in removing the asbestos fiber from talc, in which (I believe) it naturally occurs?

(3) Do all talcum powders contain asbestos, and, among those which do, what is the range of tremolite content?

Any information you can provide will be greatly appreciated, in making a fair appraisal of this "problem".

Sincerely,

Barry Castleman

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