

March 17, 1971

Had a call from Al Cohen. He advised that Kessler will take contracted birds and ship them to Special Foods in Albany. He also advised that Brenders' had some birds that checked out 19.8. He then then molted these birds and they came up with a high of 97 ppm.

Al Cohen told me that he had the following feeds that were shipped to Max Brender in November checked by the State and they found the following results:

DATE DELIVERED

BRENDER FEED

11/2	H.D.	.02
11/4	P.O.	.06
11/9	P.O.	.04
11/11	P.O.	.13
11/13	P.O.	2.00
11/18	H. D.	.11
11/20	P.O.	.04
11/23	P.O.	.09
11/9	Breeder	.09
11/16	"	.30
11/23	"	.04
11/27	"	.02

The following feeds were shipped to Mr. Batinkoff in November and the State found the following results on these feeds:

BATINKOFF FEED

11/5	P.O.	.63
11/10	P.O.	-
11/20	P.O.	.12
11/25	P.O.	2.13
11/5	Breeder	.27
11/13	"	2.49
11/19	"	.07
11/27	"	3.19

Al Cohen also stated that Monsanto had told him that PCB's are used as stablizers in Lindane. We doubt if this is a factor in our current problem.

Cohen also advised that American Scientific Lab. New letterdated 3/15 is carrying a very discouraging article on the amount of Cholesterol that will be allowed in foods.

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Dr. Rumsey called . Said that the chickens from Bayside had arrived this afternoon. They are in the process of thawing these out and will attempt to run them tomorrow.

They are having difficulty with Gas Chromatograph and if the problem isn't resolved this evening, the tests on Bayside birds may be delayed.

Dr. Rumsey will be at canning plant tomorrow in East Pembroke. You can call him there or call D. Rice.



TO: J. S. Gallick

FROM: G. E. Edick

DATE: March 17, 1971

SUBJECT: BAKERY BY-PRODUCT
DISCONTINUANCE

This memo is official confirmation of my conversations with you to the effect that from here on the use of bakery by-product meal in any feed produced or manufactured by the Feed Division is prohibited.

By copy of this memo to the Retail Division Managers, I am advising them of the Feed Division's position and encouraging them to adopt the same regulation.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. E. Edick".

GEE/sh

cc: C. H. Riley
W. H. Prigmore
M. E. Harris
C. E. Dayton
L. S. Mix
G. W. Clarke
L. M. Shughart
K. S. Joy
S. H. Slick
G. L. Rumsey
C. D. Bayly

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Called Al Cohen at Inter-County. Advised him of the results that we have had on the wafer meal. Also told him that we had reported this to the Insurance Company. He advised me that the State had found some of his feed samples that were running high-high meaning 2 - 3 ppm.

Called Rozansky Feed Company, 286 Saquakus Road, Saquakus, N.J. Zip 07094. Telephone 201-865-9062. In discussing the wafer meal problem with Rozansky, I found that they were aware of the problem, they have run over 50 tests on their own and have been unable to find any positive results. I advised Mr. Rozansky of our tests and the figures that we had on it. I also explained to him the possibility of a heat exchanger leaking. He indicated that they have had their testing done at the Easton Research Lab. in Delaware. Their liability insurance carrier, according to him, is the Camden Fire and Insurance Assoc. of Philadelphia, Pa. Rozansky appeared friendly and wanted to be helpful.

3:15 p.m.

Called Commissioner Dalrymple. He advised that they had rechecked the feed samples from Inter-County and that they were running 2 - 3 ppm. He also advised that on some of Brender's birds, the thin ones were running up as high as 70 ppm with leads to the conclusion that as the fat goes off, the PCB concentrate in the bird. He indicated also that the processing plant in Binghamton will be able to take some birds.

5 p.m.

Called Mr. Batinkoff and talked with Larry himself. I advised him of our experience on wafer meal, also told him what had been happening relative to the Insurance Company, etc. He appeared pleased that we were making progress.

March 11, 1971

Called Commissioner Dalrymple. He advised that he was of the opinion that Batinkoff's flock of 24,000 birds could go to Binghamton. He said that he would set this up if Barry Batinkoff called him. I advised Dan that I would pass this information on to Batinkoff. He also advised that the Meat and Poultry Inspection Department is in serious budget troubles with the State Legislature.

10:30 a.m.

Talked with Barry Batinkoff. Agreed that we would get some samples of birds from the 24,000 flock today, Thursday, and have a result by the end of the week. Barry also asked what Agway's position was on standing the costs. He couldn't understand that we were having difficulty trying to feed the problem. I advised him to keep cool and have faith in Agway.

10:45 a.m.

Called Gary Rumsey. Asked him if he could pick up birds at Batinkoff's today. He agreed that he would send a man down and that he would have the results Friday night or Saturday morning at the latest.

11:30 a.m.

Talked with John McEwen and Gordan Foland. Gordan confirms that the wafer meal in question with a high reading was picked up somewhere between October 15 and November 15. He cannot pin the exact load or the exact time.



TO: G. E. Edick

FROM: A. P. Driggs

DATE: March 16, 1971

SUBJECT: PCB

I talked to Bill White about your delivering samples of the suspect material to Rozansky. He said The Travelers would have no objection as long as you kept adequate samples for your own purposes and possibly for the purposes of The Travelers.

He indicated that The Travelers would be willing to expedite its decision on permitting us to make settlements quickly to this extent. ~~If we have a memorandum available this afternoon (March 16th) White will arrange to have said memorandum picked up by a Travelers messenger so that a decision can be made by The Travelers home office tomorrow.~~

I will be willing to ~~work with you on~~ such a memorandum at your earliest convenience.

APD:jm

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AGWAY

File

TO: A. P. Driggs

FROM: G. E. Edick

DATE: March 16, 1971

SUBJECT: PCB

It is Agway's position that the problem of poly-chlorinated biphenyls (PCB) found in laying birds and eggs located in the Sullivan-Ulster-Orange County area of New York State originated from the feed fed these birds. Our reasons are as follows:

1. To our knowledge this problem has arisen only in birds fed from two feed mills; one belonging to Inter-County Cooperative Association and the other Agway's mill at Callicoon, New York.
2. The State of New York has reported that on January 6, 1971, they found a laying mash taken from our mill that contained 12.31 ppm of PCB. They also reported on the same date finding another feed taken from our mill as containing 6.06 ppm of PCB.
3. A sample of wafer meal taken from our Callicoon mill was found to contain 747 ppm of PCB by Monsanto Chemical Company. The same sample tested 415 ppm in our own laboratory.

This quantity of PCB is more than enough to cause the finding of PCB in laying birds and eggs.

The PCB found in feed and eggs is known as "Aro-Chlor 1248".

Glen Edick

GEE/sh

L. S. Mix

D. G. Williams

April 5, 1971

PCB Incident

The Travelers Insurance Company Claim Department called at our office relative to their needs for the supporting story of the PCB incident. This information is especially important since the liability of a supplier is involved. We are asked if you would kindly furnish us a write up along the lines of that successfully presented in dealing with the initial Kreher case in the Dieldrin matter. The recitation should include a chain of events related to purchase orders, delivery of product and damages. In essence the request is for an assembling of facts and how the exposure came about, including the following if possible:

1. Date problem discovered.
2. Source - elaboration of Campbell Soup and F.D.A.
3. Dates of receipt of suspected wafer meal
 - a. Invoices
 - b. Documentation
 - c. Delivery dates
 - d. When ordered
 - e. When delivered

Mixing and batch records: (Operational records)

1. When was wafer meal mixed into feed.
2. Delivery records
3. Damages

Identify when this problem began and furnish ending date.

D. G. Williams
DGW:hep

Copy to: A. P. Driggs & G. E. Edick & A. J. Kish