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AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, PCB POLLUTION PROBLEM HAS LOOMED LARGE IN JAPAN, MITI HAS STARTED STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF APPLYING ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS TO PCB WHILE CUSTOMERS HAVE COME TO REQUEST PSB TOXICITY DATA AND ITS SUBSTITUTE. ACCORDING TO INFORMUTION, MC IS ABOUT TO START REPLACING PCB WITH A-1221, A-1242B(MCS-1016), A-5442, A-5460, HB-40, MIPB ETC. FROM THE STANDPOINTS OF TOXICITY AND BIODEGRADATION. ARE THEY REALLY FREE FROM POLLUTION PROBLEM? HOW DO THEY DIFFER FROM CONVENTIONAL PCB PRODUCTS? WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DATA ON TOXICITY AND BIODEGRADABILITY AND INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

1. WE WONDER IF YOU HAVE ANY CONVINCING DATA FOR REPLACEMENT OF CONVENTIONAL PCB WITH A-1221 OR A-1242B. WE SUSPECT THAT THE DIFFERENCE IS ONLY A MATTER OF DEGREE BETWEEN THEM.

2. QUANTITATIVE DATA ON A-5442 AND A-5460. WE ARE AFRAID THAT THESE TWO ITEMS MAY CAUSE PROBLEMS SOONER OR LATER.

3. COMPARATIVE DATA BETWEEN HB-40, MIPB AND CONVENTIONAL PCB.

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THIS IS VERY NECESSARY FOR US TO EXPLAIN TO MITI AND CUSTOMERS. THANKS

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