

April 25, 1957

Mr. R. M. Mehurin, Chief
Chemical Control Section
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Research Service
Meat Inspection Division
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mehurin:

Under date of March 1, 1957 you approved the use of Geon 81421 for direct contact with curing pickle and other edible liquids in federally inspected meat packing establishments.

We now have a gray, rather than a red, color of this same material, identified as Geon 81700. Approximately 94%, by weight, of 81700 is a mixture of polyvinyl chloride and Hycar rubber; the remaining 6% is a mixture of iron oxide (gray), mineral oil, titanium dioxide, and calcium stearate. The only difference in composition between 81700 and 81421 is the use of a small quantity of titanium dioxide and gray, rather than red, iron oxide for coloring pigments.

We request that approval be given for the use of Geon 81700 as a plastic pipe compound for transporting curing pickle and other edible liquids in federally inspected meat packing establishments. A sample of the plastic pipe prepared from this compound is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

W. E. McCormick, Director
Department of Industrial
Hygiene and Toxicology

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