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Translation of Tarkett's letter of 18.3.1976 to:

Ministry for Youth-Family-Health

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Re: CANCER DANGER IN THE ASBESTOS DUST CAUSED DURING THE LAYING OF FLOOR COVERINGS

Gentlemen,

As of 1.1.1977, the use of floor coverings backed with asbestos latex felt, so-called Cushion Vinyls, has been banned in Sweden by the Royal Authority for the Protection of Workers.

When this covering is lifted, large parts of the asbestos backing remain stuck to the floor and can only be removed by means of a grinding machine.

The dust caused by this process presents an extreme health danger to the workers, as it is a known fact that the acute danger of asbestosis, lung- and stomach cancer exists when asbestos dust is inhaled.

There are a number of protection regulations in Germany which have to be observed when working with asbestos. These regulations, however, do not apply to the above mentioned work.

As approximately 14 million square metres of this flooring is presently being sold annually in Germany, we would like to enquire whether a prohibition of this product must be reckoned with in Germany too or what other measures can be expected to prevent the above mentioned danger.

Under separate cover, we have also informed the Press of this.