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SUBJECT: AROCLOR/INSECTICIDES

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Effective immediately, Monsanto will discontinue the sale of PCBs to any customer using or intending to use PCB as an insecticide/pesticide carrier. By PCB we mean the members of the Aroclor® 1200 series, namely 1221, 1232, 1242, 1248, 1254, 1260, 1262, 1268, 4465 and toluol/xylol solutions of 1254, 1260 and 1262. This action is taken in light of current publicity indicating that certain PCBs may be environmental contaminants. We have already written to Dr. Hayes, Director, Pesticide Regulations Division of the U.S.D.A. recommending that his department give critical attention to the registration of PCBs as an ingredient of pesticide formulations (copy attached).

Our records indicate only three possible customers in the U.S.A. for PCBs in this application, viz.:

Chapman Chemical	Aroclor 1262	~ 2,400 Pounds
Chemagro	Aroclor 1254	Discontinued?
John Rooney(1)	Aroclor 1254/1260	Unknown Amount

(1) Sold through American Mineral Spirits Company, Miami.

Please call on these customers as soon as possible and inform them of this decision.

We will write our distributor head offices to this effect also.

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This ban does not extend to chlorinated terphenyls, namely Aroclor 5060, 5442 and 5460. Nevertheless, we feel that their usage should not be recommended or encouraged further.

We would emphasize that the original recommendations on Aroclor® in insecticides came not from Monsanto but from the U.S.D.A (see CS-6 attached).

What replacements might we suggest?

We suggest formulators may wish to look at:

Santolite® MHP

Santolite MS-80%

Santicizer® 261

Santicizer B-16

Santicizer 8

We wish to point out that we do not recommend a switch to any other product without checking by the customer to obtain U.S.D.A. clearance. This is completely outside Monsanto's jurisdiction.

This action should be implemented immediately and your co-operation is respectfully requested. Please be alert in avoiding adding new customers for PCBs in insecticide formulations.

Thank you.

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