

Manufacturing Chemists' Association, Inc.

MINUTES OF MEETING
MANUAL REVISION SUBCOMMITTEE
LABELS AND PRECAUTIONARY INFORMATION COMMITTEE

March 22, 1968

Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation Conference Room New York, New York

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Members Present

R. G. Troup, Chairman
L. W. Burnette
E. J. Hogan
E. J. Masek (Ex Officio)
R. F. Philpitt
C. B. Shaffer
A. W. Sheldon
G. R. Sido
M. M. Hoover, Secretary

J. T. Baker Chemical Co.
General Aniline & Film Corp.
Allied Chemical Corp.
Diamond Shamrock Corp.
Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp.
American Cyanamid Company
M&T Chemicals, Inc.
Monsanto Company
MCA Staff

Members Absent

F. D. Sparre

E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.

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1. Changes to Table I

The chairman reviewed the results of the recent letter ballot which showed 14 in favor of not dividing the toxic classifications, and 6 in favor of dividing them. The comments of those voting to divide were sent to the subcommittee March 14, except for Mr. Sparre's comments which came in later and which were brought to the attention of the subcommittee at the March 22, 1968 meeting.

The subcommittee then reviewed the March 14, 1968 draft of Table I which reflected the decisions made at the January 24-25, 1968 meeting of the parent committee and recommended the following:

a. By a vote of 4 to 1, the subcommittee decided to label all statements in the Instructions column as First Aid.

b. By a vote of 6 to 0, the subcommittee decided to change the heading of the Instructions column from "Instructions in Case of Contact or Exposure" to "Instructions in Case of Ingestion, Contact, or Exposure".

c. By a vote of 4 to 2, the subcommittee decided to delete the "Mild Irritant, Eye" and "Mild Irritant, Eye and Skin" classifications and to strike the word "Severe" from the "Severe Irritant, Eye" and "Severe Irritant, Eye and Skin" classifications.

d. By a vote of 5 to 1, the subcommittee decided to adopt the following first aid instruction for the "Irritant, Eye" classification: "In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Call a physician", and to adopt the same instruction for the "Irritant, Eye and Skin" classification to be followed by "Flush skin with water".

e. By a vote of 6 to 0, the subcommittee decided to supply a first aid instruction for the "Toxic by Ingestion" classification to read the same as that for the "Highly Toxic by Ingestion" classification.

Two motions failed:

a. By a vote of 4 to 3, the subcommittee decided not to change the Statement of Hazard for the "Irritant, Eye" classification from "Causes Eye Irritation" to "(May) Cause(s) Eye Irritation", and not to change the Statement of Hazard for the "Irritant, Eye and Skin" classification from "Causes Irritation" to "(May) Cause(s) Irritation".

b. By a vote of 4 to 3, the subcommittee decided not to provide a first aid statement for the "Irritant, Eye and Skin" classification reading "In case of contact, immediately flush eyes or skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. For eyes, call a physician".

2. Changes to Definitions

The subcommittee recommended the following changes to the definitions in the April 1967 draft of Part I:

a. By a vote of 5 to 1, the subcommittee decided to change the definition for TOXIC SUBSTANCE (Ingestion) to read "A substance that has a median lethal dose (LD₅₀) of more than 50 milligrams per kilogram but not more than 500 milligrams per kilogram of body weight when administered orally to albino rats weighing between 200 grams and 300 grams each." The "500" is in place of "1000".

b. By a vote of 6 to 0, the subcommittee decided to change the definition for TOXIC SUBSTANCE (Skin Absorption) to read "A substance that has a median lethal dose (LD₅₀) of more than 200 milligrams per kilogram of body weight when administered by continuous contact for 24 hours or less with the bare skin of albino rabbits weighing between 2 kilograms and 3 kilograms each." The "1000" is in place of "2000".

3. Letter Ballot

It was decided to send a letter ballot soon to the parent committee for a decision on the more important changes recommended above. Background information is to be included.



M. M. Hoover

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March 25, 1968