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16th January 1975

Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974

Among the additional duties imposed by the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act with effect from 1st April 1975 is that contained in Section 6 whereby manufacturers and suppliers are required to make available to customers adequate information to ensure that products will be safe and without risk to health when properly used. Early action is called for in this connection in view of the need to prepare and possibly print the warnings and information required coupled with the fact that it is our intention to seek, through the relevant trade associations, the adoption of standard practices wherever possible.

I know that in some cases individual Unit Companies have already given consideration to the action required under Section 6 and the purpose of this note is to bring you up-to-date with the way in which those most closely concerned at T&N believe the problem should be tackled. At the same time, thought has been given to the possible need to label certain products, the use of which might give rise to health risks.

Generally, these questions have been considered in relation to asbestos and asbestos based products and in the case of Unit Companies whose products give rise to different hazards this circular is accompanied by a separate note.

Section 6

It is proposed to recommend to the Asbestos Information Committee (AIC), who are already considering the whole question, that the asbestos industry should be advised to adopt a paragraph along the following lines (modified as appropriate to take account of the particular materials concerned in each case) for inclusion in sales literature and as a postscript to Conditions of Sale. However, before the proposal is put forward formally I should be grateful for your comments so that T&N's representatives on the AIC can be certain that Unit Company views are adequately taken into account:-

"Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974WARNING

FERROBESTOS products are asbestos reinforced plastics and in common with all asbestos based materials are subject to the requirements of the Asbestos Regulations 1969 and the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974.

Certain operations with such materials require precautions to be taken to ensure that they will be safe and without risks to health when properly used.

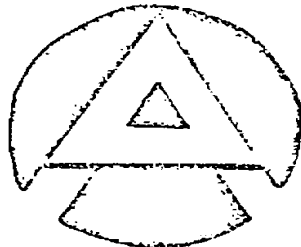
The publications of the Asbestosis Research Council which describe these precautions can be obtained direct from the Environmental Control Committee of the Council, 114 Park Street, London W.1. or from /TAC Construction Materials Ltd/."

Section 15 (2): Schedule 3, Paragraph 1 (4)

These provisions enable the Secretary of State to make regulations requiring the labelling of any substance. While it is unlikely that this power will be exercised on the 1st April 1975, it is known that asbestos is high on the list of substances regarded as dangerous in the workplace by the Factory Inspectorate and accordingly asbestos products are thought likely to be the subject of a labelling obligation at a fairly early date.

The AIC believes that it would be wise for the - asbestos industry to anticipate the likely legal requirement by the introduction of a label at this stage in a form with which it is itself satisfied in the belief that this will reduce significantly the risk of the imposition of a label by legislative action.

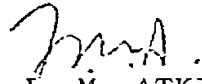
It is suggested that the label should take the following form:-

<u>WARNING</u> Avoid creating dust Contains asbestos fibres Breathing asbestos dust may cause serious disease	
T A K E C A R E W I T H A S B E S T O S	

Similar wording already appears on labels in use by asbestos fibre producers both within T&N and elsewhere throughout the world.

Will you please let me know your views with regard to the form of the proposed label and to the recommendation

that labelling be introduced in the case of asbestos products at an early stage notwithstanding the absence of a legal requirement.


J. M. ATKINSON

JMA/MRE
Enc.

The above proposals have been prepared in conjunction with:-

B. Lincoln, Group Environmental Co-ordinator

M.F. Howe, Deputy Chairman, AIC

W.P. Howard, Secretary, AIC

Dr. H.C. Lewinsohn, Group Medical Officer

Br

Dr. Paul Kotin

1-06

December 11, 1978

M. Harris

2-13

See Below

Box 2206

REVISED ASBESTOS CAUTION LABEL
Your Letter, 11/17/78

We are proceeding to inaugurate the new label on all asbestos bags.

We do have a small problem in trying to get all of this print in six different languages on the bag so that it is legible. However, we have resolved this to the best of our ability on the old size bag and we are working on it with the smaller, high density block package.

As of now, all future orders for bags will contain the new label and we would expect to run out of the present inventory of bags with the old label by approximately _____.

CC:	J. A. McKinney	1-03	D. H. Markusson	2-18
	F. H. May	1-03	J. R. M. Hutcheson	JEF
	F. L. Fundsack	1-03	R. E. Sampson	JEF
	C. J. DeBiase	3-15	D. Poutiatine	2-13
	L. J. Bartolanzo	3-19	E. M. Fenner	1-06
	C. E. Shepperly	1-04		

NOTE TO DIMITRY POUTIATINE:

Give me a date so that I can complete the attached letter. Also, do you have any other comments?

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Johns-Manville Canada Inc.

Asbestos, Quebec J1T 3N2
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(519) 879-5431
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J.R.M. Hutcheson
Chairman of the Board

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July 24, 1979

Mr. John L. Myers
Marketing Manager
Union Carbide Corp.
Metals Division
P. O. Box 579
Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14302
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Myers,

Thank you for your letter of July 13. May I assure you that all of the questions you have brought up concerning the size of the "a" logo, the colours to be used and the positioning on the bag have been discussed with representatives of all the major producers in the world except Australia, Yugoslavia and Russia. The points which you raise have all been considered. The fact that two colour printing will add cost has been discussed. The desirability of having the logo adjacent to the caution label has been discussed.

It was the unanimous opinion that although the printing in the form prescribed might cause difficulties in some instances, it is extremely important to have the logo as close as possible to that currently in use by A.I.A., if it is to have the impact that we must have if we are to head off the imposition of the skull and cross bones logo which would label asbestos as a toxic material.

I attach a copy of the decisions taken in London and I will shortly be forwarding the sample printing on a J-M bag for your guidance. The logo will be printed in the agreed upon colours and size.

cc: H. B. Rhodes - Union Carbide
~~J. P. Ellis - Denver W.H.Q.~~

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Sir Neville Stack
Asbestos Inter-
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68 Gloucester Place
London W1H 3HL
England

DECISIONS TAKEN AT FIBRE ADVISORY PANEL MEETING

A.I.A. OFFICES JULY 12, 1979

Present: J.R.M. Hutcheson - Chairman
K. H. Oleson - Cyprus Mines
K. Wood - Southern African Producers
K. Thiele - Chairman E.A.C.
Dr. E. Costa)
Mr. Angellotti) - Balangero

- Decisions: 1. The "a" logo currently in use for fibre containing products in some countries was accepted and will be printed on all bags going into E.E.C. countries by all producers and will take the following form:
- will be printed in red and black with the bag being the third colour.
 - will carry no wording
 - will be printed as close as is feasible to the caution label in order that the two inter-relate
2. The caution label currently used by Johns-Manville will be a model which producers will adapt to their own specific needs. A sample of the J-M printing will be forwarded to all producers within four weeks.
3. It will be the objective of all producers to have all new bags marked in the prescribed manner by January 1, 1980.

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Sir Neville Stack
July 24, 1979
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4. It will be the objective of all producers that, by April 1, 1980, all bags going into the E.E.C. countries will be marked in the prescribed manner.
5. In order that there be a pooling of information on feed back from the fibre users and particularly any special requests for bag markings that may be made, all producers are asked to forward this information to J.R.M. Hutcheson who will see that it is disseminated to all.
6. For information, the draft document "Recommended Control Procedure No. 4 - Asbestos Fibre" was tabled.


J.R.M. Hutcheson

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Johns-Manville

cc: J.R.M. 5/5

Internal Correspondence

To: Noel Hendry - 2S

Date: April 29, 1975

From: E. M. Fenner - 4N

Copies: P. Kotin, M.D. - 4N

Subject: LABEL - ASBESTOS FIBER SHIPPING BAG

Paul Kotin, Chairman of the Labeling Review Committee, has approved the relocation of the asbestos caution label from the back of the bag to one long side of the bag. It is my understanding that the size of the label will conform to the recommendation made in my letter of February 5, 1975. In the attachment to this letter we recommended that the type size of the word "Caution" be increased from 24 pt. to 36 pt. and that the wording in the body of the label be increased from 12 pt. to 14 pt. I also understand from our conversation that the label will be printed in English and in French.

Please call me if you have any questions.

E. M. Fenner

EMF:jh

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To: ALL SALES REPS. - U.S.

Date: 7/9/80

From: J. E. Connor - WHQ 2-13

Copies:

Subject: MAIL LABELS

All samples mailed in the U.S. should have an Asbestos
ORM-C label attached.

SEE SAMPLES ATTACHED.

JEC
J. E. Connor

Attach.

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File Labels

ASBESTOS INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

(Limited by Guarantee)

68 GLOUCESTER PLACE, LONDON W1H 3HL

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Member Associations

AIA/8/PAC

FROM: Director-General

11th February 1980

Subject: Summary of Warning labels

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~~DMK (LAST)~~

We are enclosing a summary of Warning labels by countries, and would be pleased if you would let us have your comments on any omissions or errors.

If your country is not listed, it is because we have no information on our files and would greatly appreciate receiving any details.

[Signature]
Director-General

TNS/bmw

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L GEParker
D P. H. Markussen
D S. W. McCallie
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Summary of main features of Warning Labels

COUNTRY	LOGO	LOGO WORDING	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR CONSUMER.	PRODUCT CONCERNED	START-DATE
EAC (Recommended)	Normal	Attention Contains asbestos observe safety rules avoid breathing dust (In language of concerned country.)	To suit country and product.	All possible	N/A
Australia (James Hardie and others All states)	Normal	Caution This product contains asbestos. Breathing asbestos dust can damage health. Keep dust down.	Where possible part of label. Otherwise in brochures or on outside of container.	All unless no work done on them before use. Tie-on labels for small articles.	Started.
Austria	-	N/A	Stick-on red information label & blue leaflet ditto. (Both with A/C products.)		Started.
Belgium (Eternit)	Normal.	Attention Contains asbestos observe safety rules avoid breathing dust. (In French, German, Dutch.)	On a leaflet in 3 languages. Logo wording on back until logo and wording are produced separately later.	Asbestos cement Sheets & pipes.	Leaflet-with-logo started logo label 31.8.79.
Canada (All mines)	Normal	None.	Separate full warning label on outside of package. Logo to be alongside where possible.	Raw fibre.	Started

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COUNTRY	LOGO	LOGO WORDING	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR CONSUMER.	PRODUCT CONCERNED	START-DATE
Denmark	Normal	See EAC		Asbestos cement sheets.	To start soon.
Finland	Normal		Recommendation to use dust free foods. 700005	All except A/C	1 June '79.
France (CSA recommended March 1978)	Normal	Contents Asbestos Observe instructions for use (In English, French, German, Italian.)	To suit.	N/A yet.	Not yet agreed.
Germany (Eternit)	Normal	Attention Contains asbestos Avoid breathing dust Health Hazard Observe Safety rules (In German).	Part of label.	All A/C products needing final machining except pipes.	1 July '79 for WVAZ.
Italy				Raw fibre.	As soon as present stock of bags finished.
Ireland	Normal	Take care with asbestos Warning, Breathing & asbestos dust can damage health Observe the safety rule.		50%	Started.

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COUNTRY	LOGO	LOGO WORDING	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR CONSUMER.	PRODUCT CONCERNED	START-DATE
Japan		N/A	Leaflet instructions.		Started.
Netherlands	Normal			a/c sheets only	Started
Republic of S. Africa	Normal but one colour (black on white.)	Caution Contains asbestos fibres Avoid making dust Breathing asbestos dust may cause serious bodily harm.		Raw fibre	May 1979
Switzerland		N/A	Red stick-on label and blue ditto leaflet.		Started.
United States	Normal but one colour (black on white.)	Caution Contains Asbestos Fibers Avoid Creating Dust Breathing Asbestos Dust May Cause Serious Bodily Harm		Raw materials, mixtures, scrap, waste, debris & other products containing asbestos fibers except where fibers are modified by a bonding agent.	Started
United Kingdom	Normal	Take Care with asbestos Warning Breathing asbestos dust can damage health Observe safety rules.		87%	Started.

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CAUTION CONTAINS ASBESTOS FIBERS. AVOID CREATING DUST. BREATHING ASBESTOS DUST
MAY CAUSE SERIOUS BODILY HARM. SMOKING GREATLY INCREASES THE RISK OF
SERIOUS BODILY HARM.