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Q: Two Dutch authors, Vos and Koeman, reporting in Food and Cosmetic Toxicology, Vol. 8, 1970, said that they had found German and French-produce PCB toxic to chick embryos. Toxicity was evidently due to furans in the German and French product which was not present in Monsanto's Aroclor 1260. What could be the reason that furans are not present in Monsanto's product?

A: We believe it is due to the different manufacturing method we use. It could be also due to impurities in raw materials.

Q: Is there any chance the foreign material could be imported into the U.S.?

A: At this time I would say it is not likely.

Q: Monsanto has really "come out smelling like a rose" on the PCB issue, haven't they?

A: It hasn't all been by accident. We have been working at it.

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