

Manufacturing Chemists' Association, Inc.

MINUTES OF MEETING

LABELS AND PRECAUTIONARY INFORMATION COMMITTEE

September 20-21, 1967

American Cyanamid Conference Room New York, New York

PLAINTIFF'S
EXHIBIT
CMA-189Members Present

E. J. Masek, Chairman	Diamond Alkali Company
R. F. Philpitt, Vice Chairman	Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp.
L. W. Burnette	General Aniline & Film Corp.
C. U. Dernehl	Union Carbide Corporation
R. H. Dewey	Commercial Solvents Corp.
E. M. Dixon	Celanese Corporation
J. T. Fuess	Distillation Products Industries
J. T. Gormally	Pennsalt Chemicals Corp.
J. W. Hammond	Enjay Chemical Company
J. J. Hogan	Allied Chemical Corporation
D. G. MacKellar	FMC Corporation
H. H. McIntyre	The Dow Chemical Company
Charles O'Connor (for A. C. Diliberto)	Stauffer Chemical Company
C. B. Shaffer	American Cyanamid Company
A. W. Sheldon	M&T Chemicals Inc.
G. R. Sido	Monsanto Company
F. D. Sparre	E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.
R. G. Troup	J. T. Baker Chemical Company
N. E. Wendt	American Potash & Chemical Corp.
N. G. White	Shell Chemical Company
C. W. Smith, Board Liaison	Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp.
M. M. Hoover, Secretary	MCA Staff

Guests Present

H. A. Birnbaum	Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Co.
T. E. Blumer	The Matheson Co.
C. P. Brush	Koppers Company
M. B. Lore	E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.
E. H. Meyer	Enjay Chemical Company
J. A. Mooney	FMC Corporation
Derek Richardson	Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp.

Members Absent

A. C. Diliberto
C. L. French

Stauffer Chemical Company
Mallinckrodt Chemical Works

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting

No action was taken with respect to changes or additions to the minutes of the May 9-10, 1967 meeting.

2. Membership

The committee welcomed C. W. Smith of Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation as the new Board Liaison member, together with his alternate Derek Richardson. It also voted unanimously to recommend to the MCA Board of Directors that David Brown of Mallinckrodt Chemical Works be appointed a member of the committee.

J. A. Mooney, who has recently retired from FMC Corporation, and C. L. French of Mallinckrodt Chemical Works, who has submitted his resignation from the committee due to a change in responsibilities, were honored at a committee luncheon at the Princeton Club on September 21. Dr. French could not be present on this occasion.

3. Rules of Organization and Procedure

The committee voted by a count of 16 to 1 to recommend adoption of the LAPI "Organization, Purpose, and Procedure" draft as submitted September 7 by Mr. Fuess.

4. Manual Revision

Following an extensive discussion, the committee voted by a 15 to 3 count to adopt the seven tables as set forth in the forth in the fourth revision of "Systematic Preparation of Precautionary Labeling" as a replacement for Table I in the next edition of the manual, subject to review by the Manual Revision Subcommittee. The subcommittee was directed to make the review.

So as to assist the subcommittee in its review, the chairman urged committee members to send in their comments as soon as possible to Mr. Troup.

5. Liaison with MCA Environmental Health Committee

The chairman appointed a task group consisting of Messrs. Philpitt (chairman), Shaffer, and White to consider the suggestions made at the September 20-21 meeting relating to possible LAPI Committee activity in the area of environmental health, and to report to Mr. Masek two weeks in advance of the November 16 meeting of EHAC.

6. Liaison with MCA Inter-Committee Task Group on Transportation Hazards Information

It was voted 10 to 1 to convey to THI that the LAPI Committee is in sympathy with THI efforts, and that the LAPI Committee recommends that THI continue to explore the method outlined in the recent report of its Implementation Subcommittee to come up with a definitive plan.

7. Liaison with MCA Safety and Fire Protection Committee

The committee voted 10 to 4 against concurring in the action of SFPC in its vote to discontinue labels in safety data sheets. It then authorized the chairman to make a presentation in support of continuing labels in safety data sheets at the October 5 SFPC meeting.

A motion to approve the safety data sheet labels for Sodium Cyanide and for Sodium Cyanide Solution as submitted in Mr. Sparre's letter of August 1 was carried by 16 yes votes, with the incorporation of the suggestions made by the committee as summarized by Mr. Sparre, and with a revised spillage statement for the Sodium Cyanide label which now reads "Treat spillage with strong calcium hypochlorite solution and flush to sewer". Mr. Sparre agreed to work in the changes voted upon.

By a count of 11 to 7, the committee voted to adopt the present label pattern for the Nitrobenzene safety data sheet label. It then voted on individual elements of the label, which was developed according to this pattern by Mr. Sparre, using the label draft presented in his letter of September 18 as the reference. The resulting approved label reads as follows:

NITROBENZENE

DANGER! EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS LIQUID AND VAPOR
RAPIDLY ABSORBED THROUGH SKIN

Before using read MCA Chemical Safety Data Sheet SD-21

Do not get in eyes, on skin, on clothing.

Do not breathe vapor.
Use only with adequate ventilation.

In case of fire use water as fog or spray.
Soak up spill or leak with sand or earth.

○ POISON ○
X X
Call a Physician

First Aid

In case of contact, immediately remove all contaminated clothing, including shoes, and wash skin with soap and plenty of water. For eyes, flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Wash clothing before re-use. Discard contaminated shoes.

If swallowed, induce vomiting by giving a tablespoonful of salt in a glass of warm water and repeat until vomit fluid is clear. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

If inhaled, remove patient to fresh air and start oxygen inhalation through suitable equipment.

Note to Physicians: Absorption of this product into the body leads to the formation of methemoglobin which, in sufficient concentration, causes cyanosis. Since reversion of methemoglobin to hemoglobin occurs spontaneously after termination of exposure, moderate degrees of cyanosis need be treated only by supportive measures such as bed rest and oxygen inhalation. Thorough cleansing of the entire contaminated area of the body including scalp and nails is of utmost importance. If cyanosis is severe, intravenous injection of methylene blue, 1 mg/kg of body weight, may be of value.

Mr. Sparre said he would assist with the specification of type faces, type sizes, spacing, etc. so that the display for both the Sodium Cyanide and the Nitrobenzene labels in the two safety data sheets will follow existing practice.

The chairman urged committee members to send in to him as soon as possible any comments they may have regarding the proposed safety data sheet labels for Methyl Bromide and Caustic Soda attached to H. H. McIntyre's letter of September 8.

8. Liaison with USA Standards Institute

The committee voted 13 to 1 to recommend to MCA that it take whatever steps are necessary to become the sponsor of the proposed USASI project having to do with the labeling of hazardous materials.

The committee also voted 11 to 0 to recommend to MCA that it seek representation on the USASI project committee for the proposed project "safety Requirements for Epoxy Resins".

9. Other Liaison Activity

a. Inter-Industry Advisory Committee on Product Information -

Mr. Hogan reported that there has been no meeting of this committee since the last LAPI Committee meeting, and that none is scheduled for the remainder of this year.

b. CSMA - Mr. Hogan reported that CSMA is still closely following FDA regulations under the Fair Packaging and Labeling Act as well as FTC and Commerce Department actions in this area, and that CSMA interest in EECC activities continues. Mr. Sparre reported that the Antifreeze and Cooling Systems Committee has voted on an antifreeze containing arsenic, and that this will be discussed with FDA with the hope that it will be accepted. The same committee has approved a model antifreeze law which will be discussed with control officials in November.

c. NFPA - Mr. McIntyre reported that there has not been much NFPA activity in areas of interest to the LAPI Committee since its last meeting.

d. AAPCO - Mr. Sparre reported that he will continue to serve as MCA representative on the Tolerances and States Relations Committees.

e. Industry Committee on Weights and Measures - Mr. Sparre reported that the position paper filed with FDA and FTC re FPLA regulations had good effect.

f. NPVLA - Mr. Sparre reported on the Virginia ruling re articles treated with economic poisons, which said that such articles would not be considered economic poisons provided claims are limited to protection of the articles themselves.

g. HIAA - Mr. Hogan reported briefly on the September 8 HIAA meeting at which solvent inhalation matters were discussed.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the full committee was set for November 15, 1967 in New York.

M. M. Hoover

Morgan M. Hoover, Secretary

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October 4, 1967