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in view of our meeting on march 24 we feel you should be aware of latest pcb situation in usa and other world areas.

1. we believe us fda are going to propose more stringent restrictions on use and levels of pcb in food /food-related/food packaging materials industries.

2. us fda proposals described in wall street journal article march 6. will airmail copy. we believe article fairly accurately describes action fda expected to take very shortly.

3. implications of these proposed regulations are :
   a) profound implications for paper producers since pcb levels found in us in both virgin pulp and recycled paper.
   b) fda proposing 5 ppm pcb level in any food packaging material recycled or otherwise.
   c) fda proposing via federal government study group to officially ban all uses of pcb except dielectrics in factories associated with food and food packaging.
   d) we believe fda is carrying out surveys of both food and food packaging in supermarkets. some past findings have been named in the press by type and manufacturer with obvious implications for imported materials.
   e) we believe pcb levels in various foodstuffs will be stxxx established from 0.1 to 5 pp m depending on type.

4. in japan, tokyo city government is alarmed over pcb levels in fish and other foodstuff. maximum level found 812 ppm with average in ~~fish~~ fish at 100 to 110 ppm.

5. tokyo city authorities plan to seek rigid central government control on uses of pcb.

6. japanese report taken from japan economic journal feb 29. copy being mailed to you.

the above is our best understanding of the pcb situation at the present time.

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