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Thetford Mines, Que.

SPECIAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

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- AGENDA: 1. Unitized Loading
2. Copant questionnaire on asbestos specifications.

BUSINESS: 67-23 Unitize Loading: A report was circulated by the Unitized Loading Subcommittee giving recommendations on unit loads for asbestos, which would meet the requirements of the English, stevedores.

Two approaches were suggested:

1. Palletized Load With Covering.
2. Palletized Load Without Covering.

Use of laminated bags (unpalletized) was also mentioned as an alternative. It was concluded that any demands could now be met with the information on hand.

It was reported that current discussions in England are raising ill-defined problems, and producing few decisions. Mention was made that

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one stevedore organization has advised its members at one dock to refuse handling asbestos shipments which do not conform exactly to prescribed standards of dust-proofing after the 31st July 1967 deadline.

It was reported that Dr. P. Cartier has agreed to gather data on exposure of local workers (who have low incidence rates) which could be compared to exposure measured on the docks. If published by Q.A.H.A., the data could be released to the press to improve the dockers' attitude towards asbestos exposure.

It was reported that covered unitized loads had created customs inspection difficulties on some trial shipments. Mention was also made that palletized units without cover might not be accepted by dockers as a skidded unit. The possibility that factory inspectors may insist on laminated bags, even for covered units, was also mentioned.

A recent shipment of asbestos on a C.P.R. ship, block loaded under scrupulous inspection to avoid damaged bags and spillage was described. It is expected that this trial will permit some of the blame for dusty unloading conditions to be pinned on the dockers themselves.

The Subcommittee was congratulated on an excellent job, and was requested to remain active to handle similar future assignments.

67-24 Copant Questionnaire: The answers proposed by Mr. J. R. M. Hutcheson (10 May 1967) were accepted with the following revisions:

#1 (a) Dust: Change the sentence as follows: "Dust is that which passes through the finest applicable screen, etc".

#3 It was thought that the word chrysotile might appear on all bags (Not only shipments to the Copant area). It was felt that this statement could be added, out of context, as a footnote.

#6 Change to " -1% to +2% at time of shipment".

#9 Add, "also the answer to question #2".

67-25 A.S.T.M. Committee D-13, Subcommittee A4, Magnetic Rating.

It was reported by Chairman Dodds-Hebron that a communication sent to him by Mr. P. O. Nicodemus, of Subcommittee A4 announced that the A.S.T.M. Magnetic Rating Round Robin would be delayed until 7th June. At that time the A.S.T.M. task group will meet with the A.T.I. Fiber Testing Committee to coordinate their study with that of Q.A.H.A. and A.T.I.

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