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February 15, 1977

Mr. Nate Lasher
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Dear Nate:

This is to confirm our recent conversations concerning Standard Brand's use of CG-135-P asbestos in paints.

Enclosed are copies of (1) the Presley Bill which amends the Marks Bill concerning the spraying of products containing asbestos, (2) the labelling requirements section of the CAL-OSHA asbestos standard, and (3) the Federal OSHA asbestos standards.

We were instrumental in getting the Presley Bill written and passed, but please note that the revised exemptions expire July 1, 1978. We will, at the appropriate time, attempt to get the "coatings" exemption extended or permanently adopted.

It is our opinion, not a legal one, that Milt's paints containing less than 1% asbestos should not require labelling. It may behoove Milt to obtain an opinion from his attorney.

We will be available to obtain air samples for asbestos fiber counting the week of March 7, 1977. Tom Norris and/or Blair Ingalls will be in touch with you or Milt to establish exact timing. As discussed, I think we should obtain samples during paint spraying and during sanding of a finished panel or room. The "environment" should simulate actual conditions as closely as possible. If time permits, it may be advisable to obtain air samples during Milt's use of CG-135-P to confirm that he is in compliance with the Standards.

Since Milt is planning to expand his use of CG-135-P to all paint lines, I would appreciate an estimate of his requirements. Perhaps you and Tom could accomplish this during a joint visit in the near future.

Best personal regards and don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Very truly yours,

John L. Myers
Marketing Manager

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CC: B. L. Ingalls
T. P. Norris

Enclosure (1)

CALIFORNIA
Regular Session

Chapter 449, Laws 1976

Senate Bill No. 1596

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An act to amend Section 25910 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to asbestos, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1596, as amended Presley. Asbestos: buildings and structures.

Existing law prohibits any person, on and after July 1, 1975, from spraying any substance containing more than ½ of 1% asbestos, except cold process cutback asphalt roof coatings, in or upon a building or structure during its construction, alteration, or repair; and, on or after July 1, 1976, prohibits such spraying of any substance containing any amount of asbestos, except cold process cutback asphalt roof coatings.

This bill would revise the exemption to also exclude portland cement plaster containing less than ½ of 1% asbestos, and exterior and interior coatings and laminating resins containing encapsulated asbestos fibers bound within the finished product, from such asbestos spraying prohibitions *until July 1, 1978*.

This bill would take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: ⅔. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 25910 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

25910. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), no person, on or after July 1, 1975, shall cause or permit the spraying of any substance containing more than one-half of 1 percent asbestos in or upon a building or other structure during its construction, alteration, or repair. Except as provided in subdivision (b), no person, on or after July 1, 1976, shall cause or permit the spraying of any substance containing any amount of asbestos in or upon a building or other structure during its construction, alteration, or repair.

~~(b) Cold process cutback asphalt roof coatings, portland~~ *(b) Portland* cement plaster containing less than one-half of 1 percent asbestos, and exterior and interior coatings and laminating resins containing encapsulated asbestos fibers bound within the finished product from manufacture through application, shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter *until July 1, 1978. Cold process cutback asphalt roof coatings shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter*.

SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting such necessity are:

In order that the changes made by this act may take effect prior to July 1, 1976, and at the earliest opportunity during the construction season, it is necessary that this act take immediate effect.

Law Without Approval, July 10, 1976

Enclosure (2)

and take necessary protective steps before entering the area marked by the signs. Signs shall be posted at all approaches to areas containing excessive concentrations of airborne asbestos fibers.

(2) Sign Specifications. The warning signs required by subparagraph (h)(1) shall conform to the requirements of format signs specified in Section 6003 (d)(4) of the General Industry Safety Orders and to this subparagraph. The signs shall display the following legend in the lower panel, with the letter sizes and styles of a visibility at least equal to that specified in this subparagraph.

Legend	Notation
Asbestos	1" Sans Serif, Gothic or Block
Dust Hazard	1" Sans Serif, Gothic or Block
Avoid Breathing Dust	¼" Gothic
Wear Assigned Protective Equipment	¼" Gothic
Do Not Remain In Area Unless Your Work Requires It	¼" Gothic
Breathing Asbestos Dust May Be Hazardous To Your Health	14 Point Gothic

Spacing between lines shall be at least equal to the height of the upper of any two lines.

(i) Caution Labels.

(1) Labeling. Caution labels shall be affixed to all raw materials, mixtures, scrap, waste, debris, and other products containing asbestos fibers or to their containers, except that no label is required where asbestos fibers have been modified by a bonding agent, coating, binder, or other material so that during any reasonably foreseeable use, handling, storage, disposal, processing, or transportation, no airborne concentrations of asbestos fibers in excess of the exposure limits prescribed in Section 5208 (a) will be released. For large outdoor storage such as mine ore tailings piles, labeling shall not be required if properly posted.

(2) Label Specifications. Caution labels required by this subsection shall be conspicuous and legible and shall contain the following or equivalent warning:

CAUTION
Contains Asbestos Fibers
Avoid Creating Dust
Breathing Asbestos Dust May Cause
Serious Bodily Harm