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Mr. Richard J. Guimond
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Office of Pesticides and Toxic Substances
Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, DC 20460

Subject: Questionnaire on non-asbestos drum brake linings
(Informational needs for friction products containing asbestos)

Dear Mr. Guimond:

On July 22, 1981 Mr. Bob Figg of the Asbestos Information Association forwarded to our attention a series of eleven questions prepared by your office concerning non-asbestos drum brake linings. This was done as the Friction Materials Standards Institute is in a better position to respond to your request for information.

You may recall that the Friction Materials Standards Institute participated in an earlier request from your office in regards to disc brake linings. That request was sent to our full membership of 21 companies. Our response to your office was based upon replies from only three companies as several of the others felt you were requesting sensitive information.

The questions now being prepared on non-asbestos drum brake linings are even more sensitive to our Membership. Development work on asbestos-free drum brakes is several years behind the work on disc brake linings. As a result, much of the currently available information is proprietary. Because of the confidentiality of the information your office is seeking, the Institute must respectfully decline the offer to participate. We would suggest that you solicit replies from the friction materials manufacturers directly.

Attached is a list of what we believe to be all the friction materials manufacturers in the United States.

Sincerely,

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