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May 24, 1979

Ms. Sayde E. Dunn
Office of the Secretary
Consumer Product Safety Commission
1111-18th Street NW
Washington, D. C. 20207

Subject: CPSC Special Order dated 5/14/79 - Conair Corporation

Dear Ms. Dunn:

This letter will serve as a response by Conair Corporation to the CPSC Special Order dated 5/14/79.

Substantially, all information requested in the special order has been previously supplied to the Commission by Conair letters dated 4/9, 4/23, and 4/30, submitted by Leandro P. Rizzuto.

The only Conair hair dryers which ever contained asbestos material were hand held dryers.

We are unable to furnish at this time a description of the type or grade of asbestos material used in our dryers. This information together with the names and addresses of the suppliers of this material are being aggragated by the Company and will be supplied to the Commission immediately upon receipt.

The hair dryers in question were marketed to the professional consumer and retail consumer either directly to the consumer or indirectly through the use of distributors.

No formal tests have been conducted on our dryers in regard to the asbestos controversy.

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The following is a comment relating to the bulletin published by the commission identifying the manufacturers of hair dryers containing asbestos.

Conair has determined and identified which of its model 065 hair dryers contain asbestos and which do not. The statement which appears under the caption "Models without asbestos", referring to model 065, serial number 0478, is incorrect. The statement which should appear under this caption is as follows: all model 065 dryers except those with serial numbers listed under the caption "Models with asbestos".

Leandro P. Rizzuto
President
Conair Corporation

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My Co[illegible] 25, 1980

State of New Jersey
County of Middlesex
Sworn to before me this
twenty fourth day of
May, 1979

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June 29, 1979

Sadye E. Dunn
Office of the Secretary
Consumer Product Safety Commission
Third Floor
1111-18th Street NW
Washington, DC 20207

Subject: Special order For Submission of Information
Portable Hand-Held Electric Hair Dryers
Dated March 29, 1979

Dear Ms. Dunn:

The Company has finally completed its investigation into hair dryers manufactured by or for the Company which contained asbestos. Previous responses by the Company to the Commission's Special Order, dated March 29th, contained data covering the period from 1973 through 1979.

The two schedules attached at the end of this letter are in further response to the Commission's March 29th Special Order, and contain information covering the period prior to 1973.

The Commission's Special Order, dated May 14, 1979 requested information regarding the type or grade, and source, of asbestos used in the Company's hairdryers. The Company previously responded to this Order but omitted information concerning the type and grade of the asbestos used.

After an exhaustive effort with our suppliers overseas, we have been able to develop the following information in response to this request:

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Models 070, 065, and 067 which were manufactured by Continental Electric Ind. Ltd. contained grade Tombo 6600 which they received from two sources:

1. Nippon Rika Kogyosho Co., Ltd.
   20-6 1 Chome OHI
   Shinagawa-Ku Tokyo, Japan

2. Nippon Asbestos Co., Ltd.
   1-26, 1-Chome Shiba-Daimon
   Minatoku, Tokyo 105, Japan

Models 099I and 140V which were manufactured by Hiroaka & Co., Ltd. contained "Bestron GT" asbestos sheet compositions from AWA Paper Mill Co., Ltd., 3/10/18 3-CHO, Minamiya, Tokushima-Shi, Tokushima-Ken, Japan.

Model 066 which was manufactured by Forda Manufacturing Co., who used an asbestos manufactured by Nippon Mica Co., Ltd., Japan.

LEANDRO P. RIZZUTO
President
Conair Corporation

JOHN MAYOREK
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
My Commission expires Nov. 25, 1980

State of New Jersey
County of Middlesex
Sworn to before me this
twenty ninth day of
June, 1979.

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Models 067, W-069, and S-7 were manufactured by:

Tada Kiko Company, Ltd.
8-58-1 Narashimodai
Funabashi City
Chiba Pref, Japan

Model D-058 was manufactured by:

Nichei Electric Industry Co., Ltd.
No. 26-16 6-Chome
Higashi - Shinkoiwa
Katsushika-Ku, Tokyo, Japan

Models 055, W066, and 068 were manufactured by:

Jimmy Trading Co.
95-96 New Henry House
10-Ice House Street
Hong Kong

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BRAND NAME	STYLE	MODEL NO.	LOCATION OF ASBESTOS
Thermo Styler	Hot Comb	067	Barrel Liner
Mighty Mini	Hair Dryer	055	Barrel Liner Heater Core
Instant Style Dry	Hair Dryer	D058	Heater Core
The Styler	Hot Comb	068	Barrel Liner
Instant Setting & Styler	Hot Comb	W069	Barrel Liner
Vidal Sassoon Air Styling Comb & Brush	Hot Comb	S7	Barrel Liner
Instant Set Dry	Hot Comb	W066	Barrel Liner

DATE OF MANUFACTURE	APPROX. NO. OF UNITS	PROD. DATE CODE NUMBER
1971	31400	All Units
1972	80400	All Units
1970	10000	All Units
1971	17700	All Units
1972	44400	All Units
1969	3600	All Units
1970	4200	All Units
1971	15600	All Units
1972	21600	All Units
1971	12000	All Units
1972	46800	All Units
1969	7200	All Units
1971	39900	All Units
1972	55200	All Units
1972	37200	All Units
1970	12000	All Units
1971	12000	All Units

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