

Asbestos

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

BOND-299

May 17, 1977

Mr. F. W. Ahlemann, Buyer
Merchandise Division #400
Western Auto
2107 Grand Ave.
Kansas City, MO 64108

Dear Mr. Ahlemann:

With regard to the so called ban on wall patching materials, please be advised that this, for the present, is a proposed ban and not now in effect.

Although our Spackling Powder and Paste have never been formulated with asbestos, in anticipation of a possible future ban, you will be interested to know that as of April 28, 1977 production of all BONDEX products containing asbestos (with the exception of roof coating) was discontinued and all such products are now being produced on an asbestos free formulation and including the elimination of asbestos tremolitic talc.

Within the next six weeks, we expect to be completely out of stock on any such asbestos containing products and well in advance of any proposed ban which we have been advised is at least six months in the future.

Sincerely yours,

BONDEX INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Julius K. Nemeth

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cc: Jim Kiste
Howard Friedmann

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2107 GRAND AVENUE, KANSAS CITY, MO. 64108

May 9, 1977

Mr. Jim Kiste
Bondex International, Inc.
P. O. Box 88
Brunswick, Ohio 44212

Dear Jim:

I understand that there is a new regulation where no asbestos is to be allowed in spackling paste or spackling products. Would you please advise me by letter whether or not this is a problem with us, and if any deadlines or implications for recall or interstate sales is involved.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

WESTERN AUTO SUPPLY COMPANY



F. W. Ahlemann - Buyer
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cc: Howard Friedmann

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