

Memorandum

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Executive Offices
Southfield, Michigan

J. N. Menz

From J. W. Armstrong

Subject

Attached is a copy of a memo submitted to Bob Rennicks, who is the Continental Insurance Company's Industrial Hygienist, from Studebaker-Worthington Corporation, Wagner Electric Division, St. Louis, Missouri.

I understand from John Riopelle this is a major customer of Bendix and thus I took considerable interest in the questions in the body of this letter. Of particular concern was the question pertaining to the labeling of cartons containing asbestos linings. While I have not formally replied to either Mr. Rennicks or to our customer regarding labeling, I have done some background work to determine The Bendix Corporation's legal position and also to determine what other companies have been doing in regard to labeling.

Attached for your information is the present Corporate Legal Position in regard to labeling as written by Carl E. Wasmuth, Jr. which seems to also agree with the lead being taken by Johns-Manville Corporation. At the present time, Johns-Manville has taken the position that they would meet the labeling requirements only on those products that are shipped to customers where they know further finishing or processing will occur in the friction material. Depending upon the volume involved with the shipment, they will either place the label on individual cartons or in the event of bulk shipments, they will attach a label to the pallet.

At the present time, other manufacturers are still not decided on how they will meet these labeling requirements.

I have discussed the question of labeling with Dick Ford, Vice President - Sales and Marketing - Automotive and Industrial Groups, and he is of the opinion that we should probably go ahead with labeling of all of our product line so that we do not have to go through the survey to determine how our customers use the product. He also suggested that this be coordinated through Jerry Jerome at South Bend. Before I proceed any further, I wanted to let you review this information and advise me if you want me to coordinate it or if you will take on the job.

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