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FOR

Mr. T. P. Taylor, MTS #17

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cc: Mr. R. B. Simpson, UCB

ANSWERING LETTER OF

R. J. H.

Mr. I. J. Foote, "

SUBJECT

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THIS COPY FOR

Mr. R. J. Haviland, "

Mr. N. S. Currie, MTS #17

This will confirm our telephone conversation concerning the marking which will be used to designate materials which are manufactured under new formulations put through to meet the Chicago .06% Lead Law. You are going to replace "P" with an "L" in front of the production number on both the carton and the can lid. It would be possible to utilize the formula suffix letter on each product being reformulated to determine whether the material in the can or carton was manufactured under the new formula. This would require, however, that the suffix letter on each formula be known. The use of the "L" instead of the "P" ahead of the production number will make the job of identifying the new material much easier.

You have indicated that Oakbrook's stock would be purged of materials not meeting the Chicago lead limit as acceptable material was put into stock. Where no acceptable formula is available the material would not be shipped into the Chicago area. Oakbrook would still have stocks of these materials, however, as they do ship to many locations outside of Chicago.

The warning label sticker for exterior products in excess of the .06 level is now on order and should be delivered to MTS #17 by June 1. This will allow you to sell in Chicago exterior products with lead in excess of .06% as long as these materials are already in the hands of our customers or are shipped from Distribution Units after July 1. I understand that this label is not to be fixed to goods which are shipped from the plant after July 1 and that a label carrying the appropriate warning, not a sticker, would have to be used on plant shipments. We do not plan to have any labels prepared with this warning. As new formulas come through meeting the lead limit, you will want to continue to use the "L" to designate those items which we will be able to sell after the January 1, 1973 cutoff on using the label stickers.

A list of Y-Line products which MTS #17 orders from other regions has been given to Dr. H. J. Kiefer at Dick Haviland's request so that these plants might also convert to the low lead formula as one becomes

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available. Those plants will also be requested to show the "L" when they convert to the low lead formula.

There is no reference to lead content in the analysis on our labels. The conflict could be where label warning 14-62 has been used to indicate a hazard from the lead content. This warning label has been used on those products containing over 1% lead. All of the formulas listed as having been reformulated by Mr. W. H. Towe in his letter of April 24 have been checked and none contained the lead warning label. This will be checked as other products are reformulated. We should never use a label with the lead warning on any product which has the "L" designating low lead meeting the .06 level.

If I can be of any assistance in your program for meeting the Chicago Lead Laws, I would be pleased to hear from you.

W. J. Dennis

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P.S. to Mr. R. J. Haviland -

Dick, would you want to issue instructions to other plants on using the "L" instead of the "P" on the low lead formulas.

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