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SUBJECT: PROPOSED TOUGHER LEGISLATION ON PCBs

Attached is an article from the Wall Street Journal of March 6 on tougher legislation for PCBs being proposed by U.S. F.D.A.

1. F.D.A.'s plan would ban the use of PCBs in all applications except dielectrics.

2. F.D.A. is expected to set PCB level at 5 ppm in food packaging materials (recycled or otherwise). This will take into account the "background" level of PCB already in the environment.

3. Tougher PCB levels will be set for foods. Proposals are:

Infant food	0.1 ppm
Eggs	0.5 ppm
Fish	5.0 ppm
Poultry	5.0 (in fat, not the whole bird - therefore a lot tougher)
Milk	may be "toughened" below 0.2

4. Proposed restrictions would be issued for 60-day comment period and then republished, probably for an immediate effective date. Thus these significant restrictions are likely to be no more than 90 days away.

Please publicize this information as widely as you can. It now appears Monsanto's voluntary ban helped industry by giving them lead time that they won't get from the government.

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