May 25, 1970

Mr. Karl F. Giloth
Central Solvents & Chemicals Company
2540 West Fluornoy Street
Chicago, Illinois 60612

Dear Mr. Giloth:

You have received previous communications from us regarding the allegations that certain polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) had been found in the environment and were contaminants. Since that time, other reports concerning PCBs have been published. An examination of the PCB matter now indicates that their use in modifier and plasticizer applications may be a source of the alleged environmental contamination.

Monsanto has sold PCB-containing materials under the trade name of Aroclor. These Aroclors included:

Aroclor 1232
Aroclor 1242
Aroclor 1248
Aroclor 1254
Aroclor 1260
Aroclor 1262
Aroclor 1268
Aroclor 4465
Aroclor 1100 Series
Hontar 1

Toluene or xylene blends of the above products also contained PCB.

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In review of the allegations which have been made concerning PCBs, and being a concerned and responsible member of the world community, we have come to a decision to discontinue the sale of the above PCB-containing products for modifier and plasticizer applications effective August 30, 1970.

We will notify our direct customers using the above products of this decision by June 1, 1970. As a distributor of these products, it would seem appropriate that you follow the same course of action at as early a date as is feasible. A record should be kept of all customers notified, along with the dates on which the letters were transmitted.

Recognizing that this action will result in considerable effort to define replacement products on your part and on the part of your customers, we have prepared data sheets outlining suggested alternatives for most applications. Copies of these sheets for your use and for the use of your customers will be sent to you and to your regional offices prior to June 1. Additional copies may be obtained from the appropriate Monsanto regional office. A list of these sales offices is enclosed with this letter.

We regret the work that this action will create for you. However, as a responsible supplier, we feel that we have a duty to keep our customers informed on matters concerning the safe handling and use of our products. We appreciate your support in this matter. As in the past, we stand ready to assist you in any way possible.

Very truly yours,

W. E. Schalk
Director of Sales
Plasticizers

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