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TO: Randall Jackson

FROM: T. G. Grumbles
DATE: October 3, 1989

Interoffice
Communication

SUBJ: NATIONAL WIRE & CABLE COMPANY HEALTH ALLEGATION

VISTA

The attached progress report item appears to be a TSCA 8(c) recordable health allegation. If you are not familiar with TSCA 8(c) talk to Trego or call me. I've attached a form and general instructions. You can use the short form for 8(c) allegations.

In general you need to complete the form and return to me. We need to get follow-up information in the file as well, so you need to be sure and send to me.

Give me a call to discuss please.

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Attachment

cc: Bruce Trego-Aber

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contained bumps with diameters equal to the diameter of the finished product. Analysis indicated the bumps were most likely caused by filler addition prior to complete plasticizer absorption during Twitchell's compounding process.

9. Carol Cable reported oven-aging performance problems with Visalia 2153E. Carol reported test samples falling from their hangers during aging process. Oven-aging test is complete. Thirty-three percent of the samples tested fell to the bottom of the oven. This made the specimens unsuitable for further evaluation. The remaining samples failed to exhibit the minimum retention of elongation necessary for UL approval.
10. Ameron of Brea, CA reported processing problems with Visalia A222 WHT color concentrate. Ameron claims twice the normal loading is required from lot F90224V to obtain the color of previous A222 WHT shipments. Subsequent lot of A222 WHT processed satisfactorily. A222 is a 50/50 blend of T102 and Visalia 2150 PVC compound. TSL requested samples from Visalia and Ameron for review.
11. Westwire of Phoenix, AZ reported processing problems due to clogged screen-packs. The results of our work indicate the screen-pack was clogged with gypsum grains. Walt Hydash, Visalia's QC Manager, indicated several customers have reported similar screen-pack problems. Walt believes the grains originate in Visalia's calcium carbonate.
12. National Wire & Cable of Los Angeles, CA reported odor problems with cable jacketed with Visalia 309 GRY. National reported one customer complained that two employees became nauseous after opening a storage box containing 50 feet of National's cable. Sample odor was typical of high alcohol plasticizer with olefin and aldehyde included. Aberdeen Instrument Lab analysis indicated the plasticizer system contained low molecular weight unknowns. Samples were shipped to Austin for complete chemical analysis.
13. J.E. Ingram visited FLEXible Technologies, Abbeville, SC for an introduction and compound trial. The trial compound gave no advantages over the current 38601.
14. J. V. Miller attended an SPE seminar on Color Science in Plastics in Philadelphia.
15. J. V. Miller spent three days at Premiere Polymers learning more about color matching in flexible compound. (Thanks to Premiere for their help.)
16. R. D. Jackson visited Vinytex with J. M. Janes and Mark Manion. We observed their extrusion process for the first time and made several recommendations to reduce wax build-up.