

Item 14(c)

Turner & Newall Limited
Board Meeting - 21st November 1957

Asbestos Insulation on Board Ship

Draft Shipbuilding and Ship-
Repairing Regulations

Addendum

With reference to the Report on this subject included in the Board Papers, I think I should advise the Board that I have just received some particulars from Mr. Alderson which show, unfortunately, that N.I.Co.Ltd's experience has deteriorated and that our case is not as strong as it was in 1945 and 1950.

From 1950 up to date N.I.Co.Ltd. have had fifteen cases of employees certified as suffering from pneumoconiosis; four were cases of Spray operatives and eleven were cases of boiler coverers carrying out normal insulation work, though not necessarily of course on board ship. In general, the employees concerned have had long service with N.I.Co.Ltd., but even so some of the stronger arguments which we previously put forward can no longer be maintained.

The information received from Mr. Alderson will now be carefully studied at Head Office and the circumstances of each individual case considered - it may for instance be found that some of the boiler coverers were engaged to a considerable extent in mattresses-making, which was not abandoned by N.I.Co.Ltd. till early in 1955 - but I thought it desirable to tell the Board at once that the position is more difficult than I had hoped would be the case.

JOHN L. COLLINS

19th November 1957.

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