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INDUSTRIAL SALES BULLETIN

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TO: ALL INDUSTRIAL MANAGERS

FROM: PHIL KIZER - KANSAS CITY

SUBJECT: ASBESTOS

Recently a T-H branch was cited by OSHA for non-compliance with Federal Regulations concerning the handling of asbestos. The citation was unusual in this case in that no fines were assessed and no visual asbestos contamination was found. The citation was given however, because the OSHA representative was informed that this branch did handle asbestos and had no record of having given physical examinations to warehouse employees.

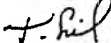
By this example you can easily see that we are under the gun, and the degree of severity is up to the individual OSHA representative.

With this in mind, John Sigler indicates that he feels as long as we provide proper respirator apparatus, keep all possible airborne asbestos contained, and refrain from re-packaging of broken bags, that we are complying with these Regulations.

In order to keep all possible airborne asbestos contained we must order asbestos that will be warehoused at any of our branch warehouses in shrink-pack pallets. Furthermore after we receive shrink-packed asbestos we will no longer offer asbestos in less than pallet quantities. Shrink-pack and pallet charges will increase your cost for asbestos approximately \$12 to \$16 a ton, therefore this increased cost for handling asbestos will have to be passed along to your customer.

I am enclosing a copy of the Federal Regulations concerning the handling of asbestos for your review. If you feel that your handling of this product does not comply, please contact John Sigler for advice.

Sincerely,


Phil Kizer
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