

Call Report

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TOMOE

PLAINTIFF'S
EXHIBIT

UC-275

DATE: September 27, 1979

SUBJECT: Broken SG-100 Bags

COMPANY: Nitto Boseki Co.

INTERVIEWED: Mr. Kanno, Deputy Manager, Tile Production Section
Mr. Tajima

A considerable number of broken bags were found among total 2,250 bags SG-100 delivered under order B-11930. Called upon the factory to check into the problem.

Situation:

Of 2,250 bags, 49 (1,111 kgs) were found broken, the asbestos powder from such bags flying around and piling up on the container floor.

During palletizing operation some more broke and how many more get broken during onward handling was unknown.

Problems:

1. Decreased work efficiency - difficulty in palletization
2. Dusting problem - exposure to asbestos dust (how to dispose of broken bags)

Nittobo's request:

1. Nittobo no longer accepts PE bags, so future delivery be made in paper bags.
2. Unbroken bags be replaced with rigid ones for the delivery made today.
3. Broken bags be returned to the shipper.

Countermeasures:

For the request 2 above, replacement is impossible at this moment, and improvement appears difficult for the next order because of the time limit. (The manager Mr. Tsuda said the situation calls for a discount of at least ¥5 or over, for the drop in the work efficiency much disturbed the production manager.) Tomoe will telex UCC for improvement, and based upon its reply will negotiate again

with Nittobo.

We will comply with request 3 above.