

March 23, 1972

Mr. Franklin P. Perdue
President
Perdue Incorporated
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Dear Mr. Perdue:

I understand and appreciate the concern you expressed in your letter dated March 21, relating to the PCB problem and its effect on the poultry industry.

To the best of our knowledge and belief we have not, since the summer of 1971, sold PCB-containing materials to anyone in the production of ingredients used in poultry feeds. I am personally completely frustrated in attempting to determine the source of high levels of PCB's involved in the Maine incident. With Monsanto's ban on the sale of PCB's to the food related industry an incident such as the one in North Carolina should not reoccur.

Since December, Monsanto instituted a program to further reduce the use of PCB's. Our current objective is to remove it from all uses except as a dielectric fluid in the electrical industry. No alternative material is known to exist today and the benefits related to the safety features of fire and explosion resistance are believed to far outweigh the threat of environmental contamination from these closed system applications.

Your proposal to insist on certificates of analysis with an upper limit of 0.5 parts per million PCB's appears to have merit and is followed in other industries. The FDA has proposed regulations relating to the amount of PCB that will be tolerated in animal feed ingredients and in animal feed. I

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have attached a copy for your use. You may wish to review the 0.5 ppm limit in light of the 5 ppm limit the FDA is proposing for each ingredient.

I hope this information is useful to you. If I can be of further service, please let me know.

Sincerely,

W. B. Papageorge
Manager
Environmental Protection

WBP/er

Attachment

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