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Doug Wood

Julius Nemeth

June 6, 1977

Dear Julius;

Please find listed below inventory of those products containing asbestos and/or tremolite:

Water Putty 1# - 439 cases
Water Putty 4# - 131 cases
Dramex Powder White 5# - 0
Dramex Powder White 25# bag - 0
Dramex Powder Pink 25# bag - 56
Dramex Powder Green 25# bag - 5
Ready Mix Dramex gal. - 0
Blockfiller 25# bag - 743
SX Joint Cement 5# - 0
SX Joint Cement 15# bag - 0
SX Joint Cement 25# bag - 0
SX Joint Cement w/tape 4# - 340 cases
SX Joint Cement w/tape 18# bag - 416
SX Topping Cement 25# bag - 40
100-A Joint Cement 25# bag - 20
200-B Joint Cement 25# bag - 1,634
500-C Joint Cement 25# bag - 551

Resurfco Powder 1# - 548 cases
Resurfco Powder 2-1/2# - 316 cases
Resurfco Powder 5# - 490 cases
Resurfco Powder 25# bag - 241
Resurfco Paste 1/2 pint - 426 cases
Resurfco Paste pint - 219 cases
Resurfco Paste quart - 0
Resurfco Paste gal. - 7 cases
Vintex 25# bag - 262 (tremolite only)
Acoustic Vermiculite 35# bag - 34
(tremolite only)
Acoustic Ceiling Spray-fine 25# bag - 0
(tremolite only)
Acoustic Ceiling Spray-med. 25# bag - 0
(tremolite only)
Acoustic Ceiling Spray-coarse 25# bag - 0
(tremolite only)

Best regards,

DE/bp



INTRA-ORGANIZATION

MEMORANDUM

RS-7

FROM: Doug Wood

Always provide address to which reply is to be sent

TO: Julius Nemeth

DATE: June 6, 1977

SUBJECT:

Please use a separate sheet for each subject treated

Dear Julius:

Please find listed below inventory of those products containing asbestos and/or tremolite:

778 99 Water Putty 1# - 439 cases ¹⁹ (3.5)	Resurfo Powder 1# - 548 cases ¹⁷⁴ (2) 925.4
505 66 Water Putty 4# - 131 cases ³⁵⁶ (1.5)	Resurfo Powder 2-1/2# - 316 cases ²⁴⁷ (2.5) 925.9
— Dramex Powder White 5# - 0	Resurfo Powder 5# - 490 cases ⁴¹² (1) 2018.8
— Dramex Powder White 25# bag - 0	Resurfo Powder 25# bag - 241 ¹⁵⁵ (6) 373.5
94 08 Dramex Powder Pink 25# bag - 56 ⁵⁵ (X)	Resurfo Paste 1/2 pint - 426 cases ³⁷² (2) 1509.0
8 1/0 Dramex Powder Green 25# bag - 5 ^{1.18} (X)	Resurfo Paste pint - 249 cases ⁴⁸⁸ (5) 1150.39
— Ready Mix Dramex gal. - 0	Resurfo Paste quart - 0
12 85.39 Blockfiller 25# bag - 743 ^{1.73} (14)	Resurfo Paste gal. - 7 cases ⁶⁴¹ (1) 44.37
— SX Joint Cement 5# - 0	Vintex 25# bag - 262 (tremolite only) 203/571
— SX Joint Cement 15# bag - 0	Acoustac Vermiculite 35# bag - 34 ¹² (2) 324/110
— SX Joint Cement 25# bag - 0	(tremolite only)
1955 00 SX Joint Cement w/tape 4# - 340 cases ^{5.25} (5.5)	Acoustic Ceiling Spray-fine 25# bag - 0
570 80 SX Joint Cement w/tape 18# bag - 416 ^{1.30} (X)	(tremolite only)
57.40 SX Topping Cement 25# bag - 40 ^{1.11} (1)	Acoustic Ceiling Spray-med. 25# bag - 0
21 04100-A Joint Cement 25# bag - 20 ^{1.30} (2.5)	(tremolite only)
209/52 200-B Joint Cement 25# bag - 1,634 ^{1.29} (11)	Acoustic Ceiling Spray-coarse 25# bag - 0
705 28 500-C Joint Cement 25# bag - 551 ^{1.28} (2)	(tremolite only)

Best regards,

DW/bp

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Asbestos

June 7, 1977

Mr. Michael Ceizmar
1575 Wagar Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44107

Dear Mr. Ceizmar:

In response to your form letter dated June 3, 1977 and mailed via certified mail, please be advised that Plaster of Paris, about which you inquired, does not contain asbestos.

Sincerely yours,

BONDEX INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Julius K. Nemeth

JKE/jlj

BON - 01213

June 3, 1977

Bondex International

Dear Sir:

Please let me know if any of your products contained asbestos or asbestos fibers containing asbestos since 1975.

I have been using your product 5 lb. carton of Plaster of Paris for the last two years around the house doing extensive wall and ceiling repairs and I am concerned with the recent newspaper article that there are asbestos in the market for the home do-it-yourselfers which are considered dangerous.

Your prompt reply would be appreciated.

Michael Gorman

Michael Gorman
1575 Manor Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio 44107

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FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 1977

3 products with asbestos declared hazardous

• Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission yesterday declared that three consumer products containing cancer-causing asbestos are a hazard to the public. Commission members could not agree, however, on the best way to ban their sale, thus allowing the goods to remain available on sale until further action is taken.

The commission also directed its staff to begin work on determining the extent and nature of asbestos in consumer products, a move that could lead to a more general, sweeping ban on its use.

The commission action comes 20 months after published findings that some plaster patching, or spackling, compounds contain high levels of asbestos and 18 months after a citizen reported that artificial fireplace ashes containing asbestos were being sold.

Both were called hazards yesterday by the commission, as was any freemottic talc containing asbestos. The talc is used in putties and spackling compounds. All three substances were brought before the commission for action by citizens or outside groups, despite an April 1976 commission staff memo calling for immediate action

toward a sweeping ban on many asbestos-containing consumer goods.

With one commissioner absent, the commission split 2-2 on the best way to end the sale of the three products. Two commissioners favored a quick ban under the Hazardous Substances Act with provisions for dealers to repurchase goods from consumers. The two other commissioners favored action under the Consumer Product Safety Act, a more time-consuming step (taking perhaps months before a ban takes effect). They said this would stand more rigidly in the face of legal challenges.

The artificial ash used in gas-burning fireplaces can be removed, experts say, but care should be taken not to stir up dust. Dr. Robert Sawyer of Yale University recommends wetting the ash down with a mixture of water and some detergent. A sprayer can be used to apply the mixture. Allow it to sit for a while and then scoop it into a plastic bag, close the bag and put it out with other trash.

Spackling compounds already applied should be left alone — do not sand or disturb it, he said. Painting can help to reduce asbestos exposure.

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