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Mr. J. P. McDermott
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Dear Mr. McDermott:

In response to your request that Monsanto Co. guarantee compliance with the FDA requirements of no PCB in food packaging, the following is submitted:

The FR paragraph 122.10(a) states no PCB's whatsoever may be present. The FDA also states PCB is found in all substances. They further recognize the current "methodology" is unable to enforce a tolerance of 0.1ppm".

In view of the above information, Monsanto Co. Commercial Products Company states we do not have measurable or identifiable traces of PCB in resins used to produce bottles, nor do we introduce PCB in our manufacturing process.

We cannot guarantee that there are no PCB's present. Monsanto Co. states that within the capability of the test methods, none are present or introduced.

Very truly yours,

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FDA Coordinator

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