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From the Director of Hazardous Substances Division

Dr. Leonard Vance,
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Your reference

Our reference

Date

1 August, 1983.

Dear Dr. Vance,

I am pleased to say that the Acheson and Gardner report has now been published so there are now no restrictions on referring to it or quoting from it. The Health and Safety Commission were only able to give it preliminary consideration at their meeting on 19 July. It is therefore too early to say what view they will take about its conclusions and recommendations. They will be reviewing their policy on asbestos at their meeting on 23 August.

However, at their last meeting the Health and Safety Commission did decide that there should be a change in the recommended method for evaluating airborne concentrations of asbestos. The Health and Safety Executive will therefore be changing to the European Reference Method (i.e. the methods set out in the annex to the EC Workplace Directive on Asbestos) as soon as the necessary hardware has been obtained and retraining completed. Due to the time required to implement this change it is not likely to be formally introduced until 1984. The HSE Guidance Note will be amended accordingly in due course.

Yours sincerely,


p.p. C.D. BURGESS.

(dictated by Mr. Burgess and signed in his absence.)

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