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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. W. R. Chaney
FROM: C. S. Rowland
DATE: March 14, 1972
SUBJECT: Tremolite In Talc Program

Based on your conversation yesterday with Jim Merritt and Norm Estrin and Yale Gressel's earlier discussion with Norm Estrin, we learned that

- Dr. A. Kolbye, Deputy Director of FDA Bureau of Foods, received a can of aerosol talc, had it analyzed, and found 10 to 20% Tremolite.
- further confirmatory testing is being done by his laboratory.
- as a result, there may be an overall survey of talc products and, since Dr. Kolbye feels aerosol talcs are hazardous, that consideration may be given to banning aerosol talcs.

Four of our talcs contain Tremolite over 1%:

0777 (Sierra) - 4 to 10% - used in Beauty Dust primarily.
0810 (Canadian) - 6 to 8% - used in Beauty Dusts
0761 (Dasart 507) - 8 to 10% - used in aerosols
0765 (Talc WS) - 20 to 25% - used in eye products, cake eye liners.

Last fall we recognized the potential Tremolite problem although no official directive has been forthcoming from Washington as yet. In January, we issued a wire to all Laboratories to exhaust their supplies of the above four talcs and replace with new formulas.

A group of us met this morning and the following action will be taken:

- Inventory of the above four talcs (E. Millard and S. Zia)

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- Finished Goods inventory and exhaustion date for 0761 and 0777. Talc 0810 is used in some of the same products as 0777 and will be covered by that analysis. (E. Milardo and S. Zia)
- A directive will be sent to immediately discontinue use of 0765 except in cake eye liners. Formulation work was just completed on replacing 0765 in a large number of products. It will still be permitted in cake eye liners until we find a suitable replacement which is actively being worked on. (E. Milardo and S. Zia)
- A directive will be sent immediately to stop use of 0761 and 0777. We believe that 0810 has already been exhausted. (E. Milardo and S. Zia)
- Summary of the FDA situation on Tremolite will be compiled, using information from Scientific Liaison meetings, Pharmacology and Toxicology Committee meetings, asbestos meetings, etc. (J. Travers)
- Summary of the scientific position on hazards of aerosol talcs. This will include the results of our tests on inhalations, etc. (Y. Gressel)
- Add the statement, "No Tremolite" to our supplier specifications on talc. (H. Saad and J. Travers)

We will keep you posted on the progress of this program.



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