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HEALTH HAZARD WARNING
MARINITE (MARINE)

Since our meeting the other day in my office, we have discussed the requirements for the Marine Department as far as labels are concerned with Mr. Weber, who really has a different problem so it looks to me like there is a possibility of two types of labels to be considered.

Industrial Marinite can evidently use the suggested label containing approximately 40 words, attached to the face of Marinite panels.

As you know, in the Marine Industry we have various finishes on our Marinite and both sides of the panel will more often than not be used. We cannot possibly use a label on the face of any of our SB panels basically because upon removal the glaze will be destroyed in that area. There is an oversize chance that even if labels were put on the face of the Marinite panel, when they are stacked there would be a residue of adhesive on the Marinite which of course, is extremely objectionable when exotic adhesives are used for future veneering.

I also feel that the suggested label is far in excess of its actual purpose in this particular case and one that I would like to really think of as the type of information that should be shown in the corresponding literature covering the product for which it was intended.

I would like to have legal as well as environmental comments on a very simple, short "Caution"; a small label that could be developed for use on the edges only of Marinite sheets.

Mr. Weber would agree to the use of a small label, we both would prefer it within the legal requirements our company has established. I would like to suggest the reading on the label for use on the Marine products to be as follows:

"CAUTION: Contains asbestos fiber which may or may not be hazardous to your health when inhaled.

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The verbage does not have to be the same. I am basically thinking of warning the public with the smallest possible label, to be affixed to the edge of the sheets being used by the industry.

As a point of interest, I have discussed this with the largest user of Marinite in the Marine Industry and where they do not like the idea of such a label at all, realize such a notification was bound to come. They incidently feel the edge of the panel is the spot to affix the label. They also say, "make it as small as possible".

I fully agree with most of your comments as far as the Production Department is concerned. I do believe a rubber stamp would be completely impractical, but might be possible using a condensed "Caution" statement as shown above.

I would not object to the rubber stamp if acceptable to Production.

Your comment under #5 on a single "Caution" label would be acceptable to the Marine Department, and in this particular case, we could use the same "Caution" with 40 words, however, I feel this would defeat the purpose legally inasmuch as each piece would not contain the message.

Your comment (b) under #5 I feel bears further investigation for perhaps this particular approach could be used in conjunction with individual panel identification as mentioned above and the rubber stamp with the 40 word message secured to the tally and invoice.

It would appear to me that these suggestions should be presented to the Environmental Control Department and the Legal Department for further action. We would be happy to get together in such a meeting, but as mentioned above we prefer a short message on a small label affixed to the edge of the Marinite panel.

P. F. Coggins

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P. S. - What is the story as far as a warning for Marine Veneer produced at Nashua?

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