

ALIC CALENDAR NOTICE

Friday, November 8, 1996

Val Schaeffer, Epidemiology and Health Sciences, and Robert Franklin, Economics, are meeting with the Chemical Manufacturers Association (CMA) (contact - Kathy Rosica) to discuss information on diisocyanates requested by the Interagency Testing Committee; 9:30 AM, CMA Headquarters, Arlington, VA. The meeting was requested by Ms Rosica (703-741-6091) and CMA. For additional information, contact Val Schaeffer, (301)-504-0994 ext. 1390. (S)

MEETING LOG

DATE : November 8, 1996 at 9:30 - 2:30 PM

PLACE : Chemical Manufacturers Association (CMA)
Headquarters, Arlington, VA

ATTENDEES : The following organizations were represented: the Interagency Testing Committee, CMA's Diisocyanates Panel, the Society of the Plastics Industry's (SPI) Polyurethane Division, the Product Safety Letter

SUBJECT : Interagency Testing Committee (ITC) Information
Solicitation for Isocyanates

Background

The ITC is a committee consisting of representatives from 17 Federal agencies. The Committee is required to recommend chemical substances to the EPA Administrator that merit consideration for toxicity testing under Section 4 of the Toxic Substances Control Act. In its 37th semi-annual report, ITC solicited consumer use and exposure information on diisocyanates already present on its Priority Testing List at the request of the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). CPSC considered this information important to support its chemical hazard screening activities. Certain diisocyanates are known to be potent respiratory irritants and sensitizers and are starting materials in the manufacture of polyurethanes used in some categories of consumer products.

The Diisocyanates Panel of the Chemical Manufacturers Association (CMA) consists of all U.S. manufacturers of toluene diisocyanates (TDI) and diphenylmethane diisocyanate (MDI). This was the second meeting between the ITC and CMA (See meeting log, 3/6/96).

Meeting

The bulk of the meeting was taken up by a comprehensive presentation from Fran Litchenberg, Executive Director of SPI Polyurethane Division. She provided detailed information about the end uses produced from the different polyurethane products. She discussed the different diisocyanates and the polyurethane products and end uses in which each is used. Jim Chapman and Everitt Meyer of Bayer Corp. presented valuable information about diisocyanate nomenclature and the different monomer/polymer forms of TDI and MDI used to produce the various polyurethanes.

There was discussion of the occupational use and exposure information requested by the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA). They need this data as they consider revising the occupational exposure limits for the different diisocyanates, particularly TDI. The ITC agreed to reconsider its data needs for this group of chemicals in light of the information provided at this meeting.

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