

FATS & OILS NEWS

Warner-Lambert's Parke-Davis Group.

The complaint, filed in New Jersey Superior Court in Morristown, New Jersey, alleges that Rohm and Haas sold cholestyramine resin adulterated with dicofol and other contaminants and failed for an extended period of time to notify Warner-Lambert of the contamination. Cholestyramine resin is the active ingredient in "Cholybar."

No "Cholybar" made with cholestyramine that contained detectable amounts of pesticide contamination was ever sold.

News briefs

The government of Colombia is reducing subsidies for growing oil palms due to fears that continued encouragement will result in a surplus, according to *Oil World*. Any surplus would have to be exported, requiring more subsidies as the production costs in Colombia are above the world market price level. Colombia produced 179,000 metric tons (MT) of palm oil during 1988, compared with 148,000 MT in 1987, and is expected to produce more than 200,000 MT in 1989.

Subcommittee 11 of International Standards Organization (ISO) Technical Committee 34 will meet June

5-6, 1989, in Angers, France. At that meeting, the subcommittee will discuss three draft proposals affecting agricultural food products and animal and vegetable fats and oils: determination of tocopherols, determination of phosphorus and determination of vitamin D. For further information on the agenda for the meeting, contact ISO, BSI, 2 Park St., London W1A 2BS, England.

Brose A. McVey has been named executive vice president of the National Soybean Processors Association (NSPA). He will be responsible for directing NSPA's government relations activities and serve as a liaison with allied organizations.

The Liposome Co. Inc. has formed a new division, Princeton Lipids. The division offers high purity phospholipids as pharmaceutical raw materials and novel liposomes suitable for cosmetics. Princeton Lipids has its headquarters at 600 College Rd. East, Suite 2300, Princeton, NJ 08540.

Paul Van Wallegem has been promoted to vice president for Asia/Pacific for Ralston Purina International. He will be responsible for Purina Korea and Maeil Purina operations in Korea. He also will

manage the company's technical service agreements in Taiwan and Thailand and direct the development of new business in Asia.

David M. Greason has been elected chairman of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM). John A. Millane has been selected as vice chairman. Directors elected include Edward F. Diekmann, John J. Henry, A. Ivan Johnson, Anthony G. Keane, C. Ross Thomson and Grover C. Williams.

Licensing and supervision of cottonseed chemists will be handled by the Cottonseed Scientific Support Division, a new division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Cottonseed chemists previously worked under the guidance of the cotton division of USDA's Marketing Service.

Plant Genetic Systems of Belgium has announced that important pharmaceuticals, such as anti-clotting agents and growth hormones, could soon be produced on a large scale by genetically engineered plants. The company said pharmaceutical peptides now can be produced in rapeseed using a technique developed jointly with scientists at the University of Ghent.

SURFACTANTS & DETERGENTS NEWS

Task group forms

Participants are needed for a task group on ceramic tile cleaners sponsored by D-12.16 on Hard Surface Cleaning, a subcommittee of ASTM standards-writing Committee D-12 on Soaps and Other Detergents.

The task group will develop a standardized method for the performance evaluation of hard surface cleaners used to clean ceramic tiles. This will include developing and testing bathroom soils, primarily soap scum-type soils, on ceramic tiles and related surfaces.

Current members of the task

group include Gary L. Robinson of The Clorox Co., Nancy Dravic of the United States Testing Co., George C. Feighner of Scientific Services, Carolyn E. Forté of Good Housekeeping, Arshad H. Malik of The Stepan Co., and Herbert VanderBilt of The Amway Corp.

The task group will meet during the Sept. 12-14, 1989, standard development meetings of Committee D-12 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. For more information, contact Gary L. Robinson, The Clorox Co., PO Box 493, 7200 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94566, telephone 415-847-6256.

Henkel buys Emery

Henkel Corp., the U.S. subsidiary of Henkel KGaA, has agreed to buy the bulk of Quantum Chemical Corp.'s Emery Division for \$480 million.

Emery, based in Cincinnati, Ohio, is a leading producer of oleochemicals used to make such consumer products as detergents, soap, shampoo and cosmetics. Henkel KGaA, based in West Germany, is a maker of specialty chemicals and consumer goods.

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