

Cyril Smith MBE MP,  
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11th August 1981.

Dear Cyril,

Further to my letter dated 10th August, I enclose an initial proposed draft text for your speech to the House of Commons which summarises the main issues surrounding the proposed EEC legislation on asbestos. You will notice that in the text I have referred you to the specific Articles (sections) of the two EEC Directives issued to date which are:-

- 1) DGIII Document on the Marketing and Use of Asbestos.
- 2) DGV Document on the Protection of Asbestos Workers.


To ensure that you also have the detail at your disposal I enclose a tabular version of the two Directives which outline our (i.e. TBA's) specific detailed comments on the proposals together with our recommended amendments where appropriate.

As you will appreciate we are continuing to keep a close watch on EEC developments in this area of activity through UK channels (i.e. AIC and H&SE etc.) and also by the contact we have established with Euro MPs. Recently we have had some indication that some amendments have been proposed to DGV within the EEC and we are currently examining the full significance of these. Clearly if we find that these have a bearing on the contents of your draft speech we will up-date you accordingly.

In the meantime please do not hesitate to 'phone me at TBA to clarify any existing point of issue or to arrange a meeting to discuss the whole subject in more detail.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
S. Marks,  
Personnel Director.

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