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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

In re: Ohio Asbestos Litigation Application of Memorandum Opinion and Order of Judge Charles R. Weiner filed on May 2, 1996 in Civil Action No. 2 MDL 875 Maritime Actions	))))))	OAL Order No. 165

The Memorandum Opinion and Order issued on May 2, 1996 by Judge Charles R. Weiner in In Re: Asbestos Products Liability Litigation (No. VI), Civil Action No. 2 MDL 875 (Maritime Actions), administratively dismissed without prejudice and with all statutes of limitation tolled the cases filed in the Northern District of Ohio by the plaintiffs assigned to the MARDOC portion of MDL 875. Judge Weiner also concluded that it is inappropriate to continue to allow maritime asbestos cases to be filed without filing fees unless the case contains Jones Act claims only.

Therefore, from this date onward, no new maritime asbestos litigation complaint shall be accepted for filing by the clerk's office unless the complaint is accompanied with the payment of the appropriate filing fee or an affidavit stating that the complaint contains Jones Act claims only.

Furthermore, since it is clear that all additional maritime asbestos cases transferred to Judge Weiner in which there is insufficient medical or product exposure evidence are likely to be similarly dismissed, and in order to avoid incurring unnecessary expenses for the parties, parties in the MARDOC asbestos litigation are relieved from the duty of filing their answers until further notification.

It is so ordered.

George W. White
Chief Judge

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dated: 5/13/96

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