

COMMUNICATION TO THE EDITOR

The Use of 2-Chloroethanol as a Dispersant for Gluten

DEAR SIR:

Recently Tschoegl (8) described experiments in which 2-chloroethanol was used as a dispersant for gluten. The purpose of this letter is to call attention to the very toxic nature of this reagent and its vapors (1-7). Although the papers dealing with these properties refer to the substance as ethylene chlorohydrin, 2-chloroethanol is the name approved by the International Union of Chemistry. Cereal chemists should use the utmost care in handling it.

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