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Arising from this summary I recommend the following action:

The use of Blue asbestos be discontinued at all companies.

All companies should equip themselves to undertake dust sampling within their factories. There is no other means of assessing potential hazard and evaluating the level of expenditure to reduce dust levels.

All companies should introduce annual X-ray and medical examination for those employed in dusty areas. Wherever possible this procedure should be extended to cover all factory workers provided that unnecessary alarm is not introduced thereby.

Capital expenditure to bring working conditions up to the level of UK plants should be considered after dust levels have been ascertained.

Shipments from Group mines to overseas Group companies should be in impermeable bags.

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No.8009. **Asbestos Regulations 1969**

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Further to Minute No.7974, referring to the problems of fully implementing the new Asbestos Regulations, Mr. Hardie submitted a report briefly summarising the position at each unit company involved. This was discussed by the Board and noted, in particular the reference to the problem of dust on completed friction materials. It was noted that this was a problem which was recognised as acute, and of great importance, and every effort was being made to provide a solution.

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