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MEMORANDUM

AIA/8/PAC

TO: Member Associations

28 January 1982

FROM: Director General

Subject: Summary of Main Features of Warning Labels

Enclosed is a copy of our schedule "Summary of Main Features of Warning Labels" which incorporates all amendments notified up to 15 January 1982.

Will you please let us know if you wish any alterations to be made.

for DIRECTOR GENERAL

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ASBESTOS INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

AIA/8/PAC
15th January 1982

Summary of Main Features of Warning Labels

	COUNTRY (1)	AIA LOGO (2)	LOGO WORDING (3)	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR CONSUMER (4)	VOLUNTARY/ COMPULSORY (5)	PRODUCT CONCERNED (6)	START DATE (7)
1.	EEC (EAC* recomended)	Yes	Attention Contains asbestos. Observe safety rules. Avoid breathing dust (See Annex 1 for language of concerned country).	To suit country and product. Some countries are producing regulations making labelling compulsory.	Varies	All possible.	Various
2.	Australia (James Hardie and others. All States)	Yes	Caution This product contains asbestos. Breathing asbestos dust can damage health. Keep dust down.	Where possible part of label. Otherwise in brochures or on outside of container.	Voluntary	All unless no work done on them before use. Tie-on labels.	Operating
3.	Austria	Yes	Attention Contains asbestos. Observe safety rules. Avoid breathing fine dust.	Information leaflet incorporating logo and pictures about dust suppressed tools.	Voluntary	Asbestos cement sheet and pipes.	Operating
4.	Belgium (Eternit)	Yes	Attention Contains asbestos. Obaerve safety rules. Avoid breathing dust. (In French, German & Dutch)	On a leaflet in three languages. Logo wording on back until logo and wording are produced separately.	Voluntary	Asbestos cememt sheets and pipes, brake linings.	Operating
5.	Canada (all mines)	Yes	None	Separate full warning label on outside of package. Logo to be alongside where possible.	Voluntary	Raw fibre.	Operating

* EEC Advisory Council of the AIA.

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6.	Cyprus	Yes			Voluntary	Raw fibre.	Operating
7.	Denmark	Yes	See EEC		Voluntary	Asbestos cement sheets.	To start soon
8.	Finland	Yes		Recommendation to use dust-free tools.	Voluntary	All except asbestos cement.	Operating
9.	France	Yes	Contents asbestos. Avoid breathing dust during cutting. Observe instructions for use.	The label sizes and colours are as used in UK.	Voluntary	Effective 1st April 1982, all products containing asbestos.	a/c products operating
10.	Germany	Yes	Attention Contains asbestos. Avoid breathing fine dust. Health Hazard. Observe Safety Rules (in German).	<u>The following information has to be attached to asbestos-containing products</u> 1. "Contains asbestos" 2. Name & address of producer 3. "Observe the Directive for handling dangerous substances. Appendix II Carcinogenic Substances" <u>Exporters to FRG should attach the following label:</u> Enhalt Asbest Arbeitsstoff-Verordnung, Abschitt krebserzeugende. Arbeitsstoffe der Gruppe II beachten.	Columns 2 & 3 are voluntary but 4 is compulsory	a/c sheets & pipes. Textiles (yarns, cloth, etc, as well as packings & compensator).	Operating
11.	Greece	Yes	Contains asbestos. Observe Safety Rules. Avoid breathing dust.	On bags of fibre from Mabe mines by end of 1981. Others in near future.	Voluntary	Initially asbestos fibres then a/c products.	By end 1981

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12. Italy	Yes	Attention Contains asbestos. Avoid breathing dust. Follow instructions for use.	Balangero mine only on voluntary basis. No-one else using it.	Voluntary	Raw fibre.	Operating
13. Ireland	Yes	Take care with asbestos. Warning. Breathing asbestos can damage health. Observe the safety rules.		Voluntary	50% of all products.	Operating
14. Japan	No	N/A	Leaflet instructions, when product contains 5% or more asbestos by weight. All exports have label in English.	Compulsory		Operating
15. Netherlands	Yes		Consumer goods only by 1982 (ie goods sold through shops and similar channels to persons for their own use)	Compulsory	a/c sheets.	Operating
16. Republic of South Africa	Yes	Caution. Contains asbestos fibres. Avoid making dust. Breathing asbestos dust may cause serious bodily harm.		Voluntary	Raw fibre.	Operating

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17. Sweden	on some warning labels	N/A	1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION This item contains asbestos but has been processed with a dust inhibitor which, with normal handling, prevents the spreading of asbestos fibres. 2. THIS PART CONTAINS ASBESTOS Avoid dust generating handling as asbestos fibres are dangerous to health if inhaled. Dust producing machining must take place under high power extraction. 3. FRICTION MATERIALS (only in Swedish)	Compulsory	All asbestos containing products.	Operating
18. Switzerland	No	N/A	Red stick-on label and blue stick-on leaflet with instructions.	Voluntary		Operating
19. United States	No	N/A	Warning notice required as per Federal register "Caution. Contains asbestos fibres. Avoid breathing dust. Breathing asbestos dust may cause serious bodily harm.	Compulsory	Raw materials, mixtures, scrap, waste, debris & other products containing asbestos fibres except where fibres are modified by a bonding agent.	Operating
20 United Kingdom	Yes	Yes	Take care with asbestos. Warning: breathing asbestos dust can damage health. Observe the safety rules.	Voluntary	90% of all products on agreed list for Home & Export markets.	Operating

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Annex 1 to AIA Schedule "Summary of Main Features of Warning Labels" (see item 1)

AIA ASBESTOS LABEL

Wording recommended to Member Associations

ENGLISH	FRENCH	GERMAN	ITALIAN	DANISH	DUTCH	GREEK
ATTENTION	ATTENTION	ACHTUNG	ATTENZIONE	-	ATTENTIE	ΠΡΟΣΟΧΗ
CONTAINS ASBESTOS	CONTIENT DE L'AMIANTE	ENTHALT ASBEST	CONTIENE ASBESTO	INDEHOLDER ASBEST	BEVAT ASBEST	ΠΕΡΙΕΧΕΙ ΑΜΙΑΝΤΟ
OBSERVE THE SAFETY RULES	OBSERVER LES REGLES DE SECURITE	BEACHTE UMGANGSVOR-SCHRIFTEN	OSSERVARE LE REGOLE DI SICUREZZA	FØLG SIKKERHEDS-FORSKRIFTERNE	VOLG DE VEILIGHEIDS VOORSCHRIFTEN	ΤΗΡΕΙΤΕ ΤΟΥΣ ΚΑΝΟΝΕΣ ΑΣΦΑΛΕΙΑΣ
AVOID BREATHING DUST	EVITER D'INHALER LA POUSSIERE	VERMEIDE STAUB EINZUATMEN	EVITARE DI RESPIRARE LA POLVERE	UNGDÅ INDÅNDING AF STØV	VERMIJD INADEMMING VAN STOF	ΑΠΟΦΕΥΓΕΤΕ ΤΗΝ ΕΙΣΠΝΟΗ ΣΚΟΝΗΣ

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