

ASBESTOS INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
(AIA)

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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 Council Directive 83/478/EEC adopted on 19.9.83).	Yes	See Annex		Compulsory	All possible	Operating
2. Australia	Yes	Caution Contains asbestos fibre. Avoid creating dust. Breathing asbestos dust may cause serious damage to health including cancer. Smoking greatly increases the risk.	(a) a/c products' labels contain additional information on how to process materials so as to avoid dust. (b) All waste products for disposal are to be placed in impervious containers and labelled to identify their contents. Some States specify "Asbestos - do not inhale dust"	a) Voluntary b) Compulsory	All asbestos- containing products	Operating
3. Austria	Yes	Attention. Contains asbestos. Avoid breathing dust. Respirable dust can endanger health. See reverse for safety precautions and working instructions	Additional text is added: "Breathing asbestos-containing respirable dust has to be avoided to exclude the danger of damaging the health (asbes- tosis, lung cancer and mesothelioma)." An instruction leaflet is on the reverse side of the label.	Voluntary	A/C and some other products	Operating

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4. Belgium	Yes	See Annex	On a leaflet in three languages. Logo wording on back until logo and wording are produced separately.	Compulsory	Asbestos-cement sheet and pipes	Operating
5. Brazil	No	a) on asbestos fibre bags "Caution. Contains asbestos fibres. Avoid creating dust. Breathing asbestos dust may cause serious bodily harm. Smoking greatly increases the risk of serious bodily harm." b) on all asbestos products (effective 22 Jan. 1988) "Caution. This product contains asbestos fibres. Avoid creating dust. Breathing asbestos dust may endanger seriously your health. The danger is greater for smokers."	Posters with these instructions will be posted in stores that sell these products These words must be printed individually on each product when possible, or on its package. Leaflets and posters with health warnings and instructions for use shall be given to the consumer. Manufacturers and exporters of asbestos and asbestos-containing products must label exports with this wording in the language of the receiving country.	Compulsory Compulsory	Raw fibre and all asbestos products	Operating

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6. Canada (all mines)	Yes	Various - but all incorporate at least the following: "CAUTION: Contains asbestos fibres Avoid creating dust. Breathing asbestos dust may cause serious bodily harm. Smoking greatly increases risk of serious bodily harm."	Separate full warning label on outside of package. Logo to be alongside where possible.	Voluntary	Raw fibre	Operating
7. Cyprus	Yes			Voluntary	Raw fibre	Operating
8. Denmark	Yes	See Annex	Risk of incurable damage by breathing asbestos dust. Increased risk from smoking. The safety rules in publication No. 88 of the Labour Inspectorate are to be observed. Contains 10% asbestos	Compulsory	All asbestos- containing products included in the "positive list" of the regulations of 1979 and 1980	Operating
9. Finland	No		Decree of the Ministry of Social Affairs & Health No. 174/77 dated 10 Feb 77 lists substances that involve a cancer risk. There are three groups: <u>Group 1 :</u> Products prohibited for use for purposes other than research and only then with permission of the National Board of Labour Protection. <u>Group 2 :</u> Products with a limited use as stated by the National Board of Labour Protection.	Voluntary	All carcinogens	Operating

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Finland (Continued)

Group 3* :

Products which can be used under strict control as defined in Council of State Decision No. 952/75 about the application of the labour protection law concerning carcinogenic products and methods.

CROCIDOLITE is in Group 2.
Other types are in Group 3.

*Marking packages of asbestos products is dependant on exposure. Thus all a/c products are exempt. Only 'dry' gaskets or textiles are marked. Greased or 'wet' gaskets are NOT marked.

10. France	Yes	See Annex	The label sizes and colours are as used in UK.	Compulsory	a/c products - other products as soon as possible.	Operating
11. Germany	Yes	See Annex	1. <u>Asbestos fibre:</u> In German: "ASBEST" kann Krebs erzeugen, stark gefährdend. Asbest kann jedoch nur in atenbarer Form als Feinstaub Krebs erzeugen." (Name and Address) 2. Asbestos-containing products have to have the following information: "ATTN: Contains asbestos. Improper working can cause health-hazardous fine dust, observe safety rules." (Name and address of producers.)	Compulsory	a/c sheets & pipes, textiles and fibres.	Operating

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Germany (Continued)						
			3. Exporters to GFR should attach the following label: "Achtung enthält Beiunsachgemässer Bearbeitung kann gesundheitsgefährdender Feinstaub entstehen. Beachte Umgangsvorschriften."			
12. Greece	Yes	See Annex	Labels for A/C products contain additional information on how to store-protect-process materials.	Compulsory	Initially asbestos fibres then a/c products.	Operating
13. India	Yes	Warning Breathing asbestos dust can be injurious to health. Observe safety rules.		Voluntary	All asbestos-contains products. Excepting Gland Packings, Compressed Asbestos Fibre Jointings and Proofed Asbestos Cloth and Tape.	Operating
14. Ireland	Yes	See Annex		Compulsory	50% of all products.	Operating
15. Israel	Yes	<u>For bags of asbestos:</u> Caution Harmful Dust. Refrain from causing dust. Inhaling harmful dust can seriously damage your health. <u>For finished products:</u> Caution, contains asbestos. Working with this material can cause dust harmful to your health Use suitable tools (voluntary)		Compulsory	All asbestos-containing products.	Operating

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16. Italy	Yes	See Annex <u>On bags of asbestos fibre</u> "CAUTION: Contains asbestos fibres. Avoid creating dust. Breathing asbestos may cause serious bodily harm. Smoking greatly increases the risk of bodily harm."	Balangero mine only on voluntary basis. No-one else using it except friction materials and a/c products exported to countries where labelling is required.	Compulsory	Raw fibre	Operating
17. Japan	No	N/A	Leaflet instructions when product contains 5% or more asbestos by weight. All exports have label in English.	Compulsory	<u>EXCEPTIONS:</u> Products containing less than 5% asbestos. a/c products. Bonded products in finished form. DIY market.	Operating
18. Netherlands	Yes	See Annex	On all end-products.	Compulsory	All products	Operating
19. New Zealand	Yes	Caution This product contains asbestos. Breathing asbestos dust can damage health. Keep dust down.	a/c products' labels contain additional information on how to process materials so as to avoid dust.	Voluntary	a/c products	Operating
20. Nigeria	Yes	(as EEC - see Annex)		Voluntary	a/c sheets and a/c pipes	Operating

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21. Norway	No	Health Hazard Contains Asbestos. May cause cancer. Long lasting or continuous exposure increases the risk. Avoid breathing dust. Use specially designed protective clothing.	Name of Supplier HELSESKADELIG. Name of Supplier INNEHOLDER ASBEST. KAN FORARSAKE KREFT. LANGVARIG ELLER GJENTATT PAVIRKNING OKER RISIKOEN. UNNGA INNANDING AV STOV. BRUK EGNED VERNEKLAER.	Compulsory		Operating
22. South Africa	Yes	On bags of asbestos fibre WARNING: Contains asbestos fibres. Avoid making dust. Breathing asbestos dust may cause cancer and other fatal diseases. Smoking greatly increases lung cancer risk.	Safety data sheets	Compulsory	All products	Operating
23. Sweden	No	N/A	"Dust dangerous when inhaled. Contains asbestos." (In Swedish)	Compulsory	All asbestos- containing products.	Operating
24. Switzerland	Yes	Attention: Contains Asbestos: Avoid breathing dust: Respirable dust can endanger health: Safety precautions and working instructions - See reverse. Breathing asbestos containing respirable dust has to be avoided to exclude the danger of damaging the health (asbestosis, lung cancer mesothelioma). On the reverse side of the label is an instruction leaflet.		Voluntary	A/C and some others.	Operating

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25. United States	No	DANGER CONTAINS ASBESTOS FIBRES AVOID CREATING DUST CANCER AND LUNG DISEASE HAZARD	Labels are not required if asbestos dust will not be released above action level (0.1 f/ml) This refers to column (6).	Compulsory	Raw materials, mixtures, scrap, waste, debris & other products containing asbestos fibres except where fibres are modified by a bonding agent.	Operating
26. United Kingdom	Yes	See Annex (Label on consignments of asbestos moved within UK) A S B E S T O S F I B R E contains White Chrysotile Asbestos 2590 Toxic by inhalation. Possible risk of irreversible effects. Danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure. Do not breathe dust. Wear suitable protective clothing. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe way.	Where any asbestos-containing product may undergo processing or finishing it shall bear a label containing any safety instructions appropriate to the particular product	Compulsory - The Asbestos Products (Safety) Regulations 1985 Effective date 1 Jan '86	All products except where the size of an asbestos-containing product makes it impossible for a label to be affixed then the products need not be labelled	Operating
27. USSR	Yes	None	None	Voluntary	Asbestos fibre	Operating.

Annex: EEC Asbestos Label Wording

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

EEC ASBESTOS LABEL WORDING

Council Directive 83/478/EEC adopted on 19 September 1983
(effective March 1986)

ENGLISH	DANISH	DUTCH	FRENCH	GERMAN	GREEK	ITALIAN	SPANISH
WARNING	PAS PA	VOORZICHTIG	ATTENTION	ACHTUNG		ATTENZIONE	ATENCIÓN
CONTAINS* ASBESTOS	INDEHOLDER ASBEST	BEVAT ASBEST	CONTIENT DE L'AMIANTE	ENTHALT ASBEST	ΠΡΟΣΟΧΗ ΠΕΡΙΕΧΕΙ AMIANTO	CONTIENE AMIANTO	CONTIENE AMIANTO
BREATHING ASBESTOS DUST IS DANGEROUS TO HEALTH	DET ER SUNDHEDSFARLIG AT INDANDE ASBESTSTOV	HET INADEMEN VAN ASBESTOF IS SCHADELIJK DE GEZONDHEID	RESPIRER LA POUSSIÈRE D'AMIANTE EST DANGEREUX POUR LA SANTÉ	GESUNDHEITS- GEFAHRDUNG BEI EINATMEN VON ASBESTAUB	Η ΕΙΣΠΝΟΗ ΤΗΣ ΣΚΟΝΗΣ ΑΜΙΑΝΤΟΥ ΕΙΝΑΙ ΕΠΙΚΙΝΔΥΝΗ ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ ΥΓΕΙΑ ΤΗΡΕΙΤΕ ΤΙΣ ΟΔΗΓΙΕΣ ΑΙΦΑΛΕΙΑΣ	RESPIRARE POLVERE DI AMIANTO È PERICOLOSO PER LA SALUTE	RESPIRAR POLVO DE AMIANTO ES PELIGROSO PARA LA SALUD
FOLLOW SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS	FØLG Sikkerheds- vejledningen	HOUDT U AAN DE VEILIGHEIDS- VOORSCHRIFTEN	SUIVRE LES CONSIGNES DE DE SECURITE	SICHERHEITS- VORSCHRIFTEN BEACHTEN		SEGUIRE LE NORME DI SICUREZZA	SEGUIR LAS INSTRUCCIONES DE SEGURIDAD

* If product contains Crocidolite replace with "Contains Crocidolite/Blue Asbestos/ΤΗ ΠΕΡΙΕΧΕΙ ΚΡΟΚΙΔΟΛΙΘΟ"