

CHESTERTON

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TO: All Domestic Distributors, Specialists and ☐ A.W. Chesterton
Salesmen

FROM: Richard Hoyle

☐ Chesco, Inc.

SUBJECT: Asbestos

We are receiving frequent requests from customers regarding the compliance of asbestos-containing products with OSHA regulations. Our reply to this matter is as follows:

Subject: Title 29 - Labor
Part 1910 - Occupational Safety & Health Standards (OSHA)

Reference: All Chesterton products containing asbestos

"The products referenced above of our manufacture which contain asbestos fibers have been modified by a bonding agent, coating, binder, or other materials so that during any reasonably foreseeable use, handling, storage, disposal, processing, or transportation, no airborne concentrations of asbestos fibers in excess of exposure limits as defined by OSHA would be released. There is no foreseeable use of our products which would create any measurable amount of asbestos airborne particulate matter. If it is necessary to alter these materials in your plant, they should never be sawed or abrasive cut in any way but should, in fact, be cut by a knife-type action."

The only exception to this would be asbestos wicking and asbestos rope which are properly labeled according to OSHA standards.

Please note that the last products referred to are specialty use products, seldom sold to general industry. The above-referenced statement has been approved by the Asbestos Information Association of Washington, D.C. Chesterton wishes to have an opportunity to discuss this matter with any consumer who is considering taking restrictive actions against asbestos including the banning of these products. An opportunity to discuss this with the consumer might eliminate this action, particularly as asbestos is such a unique product for its intended use as a mechanical packing or gasket material.

As the OSHA Standard is particularly strict, our being able to comply with this standard as referenced in the above statement should alleviate the concerns of industry.

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