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AMERICAN SUPPLIERS OF NON-ASBESTOS PRODUCTS

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Some of ICF's questions relate to product prices, costs, market shares and the like. Although the information is needed by EPA, such data should not be shared among the members for antitrust reasons. We are currently developing mechanisms by which members may provide this information to EPA without sharing it with one another.

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INFORMATION GAPS IN ICF WORK ON SUBSTITUTES

ASBESTOS PRODUCTS

Asbestos gasketing
and packing

Handwritten notes:
1. 100% at value applications market
2. Carbon Fiber
3. Synthesal (Armstrong)
4. Polybenzimidazole (PBI)
5. Mica

SUBSTITUTES KNOWN BY ICF

Aramid
Flexible graphite
Glass
Cellulose
Blueguard
PTFE (100% at value applications market)
Carbon Fiber
Synthesal (Armstrong)
Polybenzimidazole (PBI)
Mica

QUESTIONS

Are ceramic fibers used by packing and gasketing fabricators as a substitute for asbestos?
What are the projected market shares of substitutes for asbestos such as PTFE, flexible graphite, cellulose, carbon, glass, aramid, ceramic, PBI, Blueguard, and Synthesal (Armstrong) in the packing and gasketing market?
What are the prices of the substitute products relative to the asbestos gasketing and packing?
What company(s) is/are the leader(s) in non-asbestos gasket formulation and technology?

Asbestos drum brake
linings

Semi-metallic (steelwool, iron and graphite producer)
NAO (non-asbestos organics)
- combination of Kevlar^R, fiberglass, and/or mineral fiber.

What are the major substitute products and what are their major fibers (and perhaps fillers) for each major application?
What share of the OEM does each of the substitutes currently hold?

What might be the projected shares of the asbestos-based OEM that could switch to each of these substitute products?

What are the specific performance characteristics, service life, safety, and cost (process and materials) issues that justify these projections?

How much time will be needed to find acceptable substitutes in the OEM and aftermarket (allowing for development of materials, potential system redesigns, and testing)?

What are the prices of the major substitute products relative to the asbestos product?

Brake blocks

Semi-metallics
NAO (non-asbestos organic)
combination of Kevlar^R, fiberglass, and/or mineral fiber

For the four primary uses of brake blocks: trucks and three severe braking categories railroad cars, aircraft (e.g. jets) and off-road vehicles (e.g., logging and mining trucks), please answer all questions asked for drum brake linings.

ASBESTOS PRODUCTS

SUBSTITUTES KNOWN BY ICF

QUESTIONS

Full metallic (steel wool, iron, other metal)

In addition:

Are there any other federal regulatory requirements constraining the development of acceptable substitutes in the OEM or aftermarket?

Friction materials
(industrial/commercial machinery, excluding on or off-road vehicles)

NAO's (molded or woven) (combination of Kevlar^R, fiberglass, and/or mineral fiber)

Please answer all the questions asked for drum brake linings.

In addition:

Are there any other federal regulatory requirements constraining the development of acceptable substitutes in the OEM (or aftermarket)?

Clutch Facings
(manual transmissions)

NAO's (molded or woven) (combination of Kevlar^R, fiberglass and/or mineral fiber)

Please answer all the questions asked for drum brake linings and for friction materials.

In addition:

Mercedes-Benz and Saab-Scania stated in their comments that they now use asbestos-free clutch facings in their OEM vehicles; what are these substitute products (major fibers and perhaps fillers)?

Is it true that safety and performance considerations for clutch facings are less than a problem for vehicle and heavy machinery brake linings, and thus the testing time for substitute clutch facings may be shorter and simpler?

Disk brake pads
(Light and medium vehicle)

Semi-metallic

What is the purchase cost of the semi-metallic substitute product relative to the cost of the asbestos product?

Disk brake pads
(Heavy vehicles)

Semi-metallic

What is the purchase cost of the semi-metallic substitute product relative to the cost of the asbestos product?

Rollboard

Fiberfrax Paper (550 & 570)
Kao wool Rollboard
Ceramic paper

Is anyone producing or importing asbestos rollboard?

ASBESTOS PRODUCTS

Millboard

Mineral boards
Ceramic boards

SUBSTITUTES KNOWN BY ICF

QUESTIONS

Who are the importers and/or producers of asbestos millboard?

Pipeline Wrap

Mineral felt
Urethane foam
Fiberglass felt

What are the projected market shares for the three substitutes - mineral felt, fiberglass felt, and urethane foam? What is the useful life for each substitute and the asbestos felt?

Roofing Felt

Fiberglass felt
Organic felt
Single-ply membrane

What are the projected market shares for the three substitutes - fiberglass felt, organic felt and single ply membrane?

Flooring Felt

Fiberglass
Pulpex^R
Clay
Duracon^R
Bontex 148 R

Is anyone producing or importing asbestos flooring felt?

Vinyl asbestos floor tile

Pulpex R
Santoweb^R
Microfibers^R
Fiberglass
Polyester

Is anyone producing or importing vinyl asbestos floor tile?

Missile Liner

Kevlar^R fiber
Ceramic fiber

What is the useful life of the following missile liners - rubber and asbestos rubber and Kevlar^R, ceramic and rubber?

Sealant-Tape

For building applications:
Ductmate
For automobile windshields:
Urethane

Who produces structural urethane used to seal automobile windshields?
How much does structural sealant tape cost (per linear foot preferably)?
Are there other substitutes?

Asbestos textiles

Fiberglass
Ceramic/Refractory silica
Carbon/graphite
Aramids

Are there other fibers that can be used in replacement products for asbestos textiles other than fiberglass, ceramic/refractory silica, carbon/graphite, aramid, and PBI?

ASBESTOS PRODUCTS

SUBSTITUTES KNOWN BY ICF

Polybenzimidazole (PBI)

QUESTIONS

What is the projected market share for each substitute fiber in the asbestos textile replacement market?

What is the density of each fiber relative to asbestos?

How much (by weight and/or volume) of each substitute fiber is used relative to asbestos?

What are the costs (\$/lb is preferable) of the finished substitute products relative to asbestos for major packing and gasket applications (e.g. 1/2 inch rope, 1/8 inch cloth).

Asbestos-cement pipe

PVC

Ductile Iron

Reinforced Concrete

Prestressed Concrete
(pretensioned)

What are the average prices for PVC, ductile iron, prestressed concrete, and reinforced concrete pipe? How do these prices compare with the cost of A/C pipe (e.g. 2x's, 3.5x's)?

Has pretensioned pipe largely replaced prestressed concrete pipe?

Would PVC be the major substitute in the 0-150 psi, 4"-12" diameter pressure pipe market and the 0'-16', 4"-24" diameter non-pressure market?

Would ductile iron be the major substitute in the 150 psi, 4"-12" diameter f, the less than or equal to 150 psi, 12"-24" diameter pressure pipe market and the greater than or equal to 16' deep, 4"-24" diameter non-pressure market?

Would prestressed concrete (or pretensioned) pipe be the major substitute in the greater than 24" diameter pressure pipe-market?

Would reinforced concrete pipe be the major substitute in the greater than 24" diameter non pressure pipe market?

Do these projected market shares for A/C pipe replacement market appear correct?

	by linear foot	by weight
PVC	72¢	40.5¢
Ductile Iron	23.7¢	37¢
Prestressed concrete	4¢	22¢
Reinforced concrete	less than .5¢	.5¢

ASBESTOS PRODUCTS

Corrugated asbestos-
cement sheet

Flat asbestos-cement
sheet

electrical

electrical

high temp. & electrical

Roof Coatings & Cements

SUBSTITUTES KNOWN BY ICP

Fiberglass reinforced
plastic (FRP)
PVC

Aluminum

Galvanized steel

Glass reinforced cement
sheet

Transite II, Flexboard II,
Marinite (Manville) Minerit
(Sanspray; Santa Clara, CA)
Eterboard, Eflex (Etermit;
Reading, PA) Ultraboard
(Weyerhaeuser; Tacoma, WA)
Laticrete EP cement board
(Laticrete; Bethany, CT)
Durock (US Gypsum)
Wonderboard (Modular;
Hamilton, OH)
Benelex 402 (Masonite;
Laurel, MS)

Fiberglass reinforced
polyester (GPO) (Glastic;
Cleveland, OH)

Glass reinforced cement

(GRC) or Sterling Board.

Zircar Refractory Sheet

(Zircar, Florida, NY)

For laboratory table tops:

Epoxy resin

Impregnated sandstone

Colorlith II

Laminated plastic

Cellulose Fibers

Polyethylene Fibers

Clay, Talc

QUESTIONS

What are the major substitutes other than FRP, PVC, aluminum and galvanized steel? Is glass reinforced cement sheet?

What are the projected shares of the replacement market each substitute will take?

What corrugated sheets can be used in waterway or bulkhead construction?

What are the major substitutes for building/construction applications? high temperature applications? electrical applications?

Are all the products mentioned to the left potential substitutes?

What is the projected market share of the A/C sheet replacement market for each substitute?

What are the installation costs for each substitute relative to those for flat A/C sheet?

What is the useful life of each substitute relative to the life of A/C sheet?

What percentage of the roof coatings or cement market is asbestos-free?

Are there other substitutes being used?