

June 4, 1941.

ASBESTOS (Long Fiber)

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(Data apply only to certain grades of South African and Rhodesian asbestos that cannot be substituted by Canadian grades)

(1) Supplies now in this country:

(a) In Government stockpile	0	short tons
(b) In hands of industry	9000*	" "
(c) Total	9000*	" "

* On hand as of July 1, 1940. Bureau of Mines is now surveying stocks as of April 30, 1941, results from which will not be available for another week. Since last summer imports have been very heavy. One large consumer reports stocks have been maintained at about the same level as on hand last summer, and another reports stocks have been increased materially.

(2) (a) Revised estimate for a 3-year stockpile supply:**

Rhodesian chrysotile	4,500	short tons
Amosite	15,000	" "
Blue fiber	12,000	" "
Total	31,500	" "

** This stockpile amounts to net requirements at capacity consumption after substitution of Canadian fibers for Rhodesian chrysotile and amosite in uses involving estimated consumption of about 32,500 short tons in 3 years. Check on current consumption will be available from the Bureau of Mines survey currently in progress.

(b) Assured domestic production normally available to industry

0*** short tons

*** Small amounts of long fiber chrysotile can be culled from Arizona properties at very high prices.

(c) Three year requirements:

Rhodesian chrysotile	4,500	short tons
Amosite	15,000	" "
Blue fiber	12,000	" "
Total	31,500	" "

(3) Deficiencies - - - - - 31,500 short tons

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