

Council Directive of 19 March 1987 on the prevention and reduction of environmental pollution by asbestos (87/217/EEC)

*Article 5*

Member States shall take the measures necessary to ensure that:

- (a) all aqueous effluent arising in the manufacture of asbestos cement is recycled. Where such recycling is not economically (SIC! economically) feasible, Member States shall take the measures necessary to ensure that the disposal of liquid waste containing asbestos does not result in pollution of the aquatic environment and other sectors including the air.

To this end:

- the limit value of 30 grams of total suspended matter per m<sup>3</sup> of aqueous effluent discharged shall apply,
- the competent authorities of Member States shall, for each plant concerned, specify the volume of discharges into water of the total quantity of suspended matter discharged per tonne of product taking account of the specific situation of the plant.

These limits shall apply at the point where the waste waters leave the industrial plant.

- (b) All aqueous effluent arising in the manufacture of asbestos paper or board is recycled.
- However, the discharge of aqueous effluent containing not more than 30 grams of suspended matter per m<sup>3</sup> of water may be authorized during routine cleaning or maintenance of the plant.