

SCHEDULE

Regulations 2 and 3

LABELLING OF PRODUCTS CONTAINING ASBESTOS

1.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) and (3), the label to be used on the asbestos minerals mentioned in Regulations 2 and 3 and any product containing such minerals (such minerals and products being referred to in this Schedule as “asbestos products”) or on the packaging of asbestos products shall be in the form of and in the colours indicated by the following diagram and shall comply with the specifications set out in paragraphs 2 and 3.

(2) In the case of any asbestos product containing crocidolite asbestos minerals, the words “contains asbestos” shown in the diagram shall be replaced by the words “contains crocidolite/blue asbestos”.

(3) Where the label is printed directly onto an asbestos product a single colour contrasting with the background colour may be used.

2. The dimensions in millimetres of the label shall be those shown on the diagram, except that larger measurements may be used, but in that case the dimension of the label indicated as h on the diagram in paragraph 1(1) above shall be 40% of the dimension indicated as H on that diagram.

3. The label shall be clearly and indelibly printed so that the words in the lower half of the label can be easily read, and those words shall be printed in black or white.

4.—(1) Without prejudice to the provisions of any other legislation relating to health and safety at work, where any asbestos product may undergo processing or finishing it shall bear a label containing any safety instructions appropriate to the particular product and in particular the following instructions—

“operate if possible out of doors or in a well ventilated place”;

“preferably use hand tools or low speed tools equipped, if necessary, with an appropriate dust extraction facility. If high speed tools are used, they should always be so equipped”;

“if possible, dampen before cutting or drilling”;

“dampen dust and place it in a properly closed receptacle and dispose of it safely”.

(2) The labelling of any domestic asbestos product to which sub-paragraph (1) does not apply and which is likely, during use, to release asbestos fibres shall contain the following safety instruction—
“replace when worn”

(3) Any additional safety information given on any label shall not detract from or contradict the safety information given in accordance with sub-paragraphs (1) and (2).

5.—(1) Labelling of packaged and unpackaged asbestos products in accordance with the foregoing paragraphs shall be effected by means of—

(a) an adhesive label firmly affixed to the product or its packaging, as the case may be;

(b) a tie-on label firmly attached to the product or its packaging, as the case may be; or

(c) direct printing onto the product or its packaging, as the case may be.

(2) Where, in the case of an unpackaged product, it is not reasonably practicable to comply with the provisions of sub-paragraph (1) the label shall be printed on a suitable sheet accompanying the product.

(3) For the purposes of this Schedule an asbestos product supplied in loose plastic or other similar wrapping (including plastic and paper bags) but no other packaging shall be treated as being supplied in a package whether the product is placed in such wrapping at the time of its supply or was already

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so wrapped before that time. But no wrapping in which a product is placed at the time of its supply shall be regarded as packaging if any asbestos product contained in it is labelled in accordance with the requirements of this Schedule or any other packaging in which that asbestos product is contained is so labelled.