AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS NOTICE NO. 2006/36

Amendments to the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956*

Regulation 4C – Importation of in-situ chrysotile asbestos

The *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956* (PI Regulations) have been amended to control the importation of all goods containing chrysotile asbestos in accordance with recommendations made by the Workplace Relations Ministers’ Council in August 2005. The common term for goods that incorporate chrysotile asbestos is ‘in-situ chrysotile goods’.

Import and export restrictions on asbestos came into effect in December 2003. These restrictions did not specifically cover goods that incorporated chrysotile asbestos. These PI Regulation amendments now include chrysotile asbestos, as per the Ministers’ Council recommendations.

The amendments repeal Part 1 of Schedule 3B and subregulation 4C(4) of the Principle Regulations so that all goods containing chrysotile asbestos are now subject to import control. Minor administrative amendments have also been made to subregulations 4(C)(3), 4(C)(5) (a) and Schedule 3B, Part 2 to remove redundant headings and references.

The amendments took effect from 15 July 2006.

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