



NATIONAL HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES REGULATORY PACKAGE

Substances Subject to Prohibitions on Use (Schedule 2)

**AMENDMENTS TO PROHIBIT CHRYSOTILE, AMOSITE
AND CROCIDOLITE ASBESTOS**

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TITLE

1. These amendments may be cited as *Amendments to Schedule 2 of the National Model Regulations for the Control of Workplace Hazardous Substances (Prohibition of Asbestos) 2001*.

OBJECTIVE

2. The objective of these amendments is to:
- (a) introduce a prohibition on the use of chrysotile asbestos in Australia with effect from no later than 31 December 2003; and
 - (b) consolidate current asbestos prohibitions in Schedule 2 by incorporating the prohibitions on crocidolite (blue) and amosite (brown) asbestos that occur under the Prohibited Carcinogens Schedule of the *National Model Regulations for the Control of Scheduled Carcinogenic Substances*.

AMENDMENTS

3. Insert the following entries into Schedule 2 of the *National Model Regulations for the Control of Workplace Hazardous Substances [NOHSC:1005(1994)]*:

Amosite asbestos [Chemical Abstract Number 12172-73-5] (brown asbestos) – except for removal and disposal purposes and situations where amosite occurs naturally and is not used for any new application.

NOTE: This prohibition is identical to that applied to this substance under the NOHSC *National Model Regulations for the Control of Scheduled Carcinogenic Substances* [NOHSC:1011(1995)]

Chrysotile asbestos [Chemical Abstract Number 12001-29-5] (white asbestos) –all uses from 31 December 2003, including the replacement of chrysotile products when replacement is necessary, except:

- for bona fide research or analysis;
- when handled for storage awaiting disposal;
- for removal or disposal; or
- where encountered during non-asbestos mining.

The prohibition does not extend to the removal of chrysotile products *in situ* at the time prohibition takes effect.

Crocidolite asbestos [Chemical Abstract Number 12001-28-4] (blue asbestos) – except for removal and disposal purposes and situations where crocidolite occurs naturally and is not used for any new application.

NOTE: This prohibition is identical to that applied to this substance under the NOHSC *National Model Regulations for the Control of Scheduled Carcinogenic Substances* [NOHSC:1011(1995)]