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REVIEW OF NOTIFICATIONS OF FINAL REGULATORY ACTIONS TO BAN OR SEVERELY
RESTRICT A CHEMICAL

Asbestos

Note from the secretariat

1. Annexed to this note is the documentation provided by European Community in support of their notification of final regulatory action on asbestos.

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Supporting Documentation on Asbestos -

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

Cover letter dated 11 June 2001 and four enclosures:

- (i) Commission Directive 1999/77/EC of 26 July 1999 - adapting to technical progress for the sixth time Annex I to Council Directive 76/769/EEC on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations (asbestos)
- (ii) Scientific Committee on Toxicity, Ecotoxicity and the Environment (CSTEE) - Opinion on Chrysotile asbestos and candidate substitutes expressed at the 5th CSTEE plenary meeting, Brussels, 15 Sept. 1998
- (iii) European Commission DGIII - Recent Assessments of the Hazards and Risks Posed by Asbestos and Substitute Fibres, and Recent Regulation of Fibres Worldwide, November 1997
- (iv) Chrysotile Asbestos, Environmental Health Criteria, No. 203 (Summary of main findings and conclusions)