Global Asbestos Panorama 2010

The Winds of Change

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Regional Asbestos Consumption (%)

Source: USGS data; in this dataset, Europe is taken to include Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

National Asbestos Bans

Asbestos Consuming Nations*

*More than 500 tonnes per year
Asbestos Consumption and National Bans – 2010

Sources: USGS Apparent Consumption data (2009) and IBAS National Ban Lists
Comparison of Asbestos Consumption and National Bans for 2000 and 2010
## Implementation of National Bans

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IBAS Observer Speaks Out at Rotterdam Convention Meeting 2004
In fact, Dr. Lemen’s paper concluded:

“chrysotile per se can induce mesothelioma …These findings along with the results of the experimental studies leave no doubt that the scientific evidence supports the carcinogenicity of chrysotile alone in the induction of mesothelioma.”
Chrysotile asbestos: Hazardous to Humans, Deadly to the Rotterdam Convention
Examples of ABAN’s many achievements are:

- the development of video clips on asbestos in 10 Asian languages;

- ABAN participation in or sponsorship of meetings in India, Thailand, Italy, Malaysia, Belgium, UK, Korea, Indonesia, Japan;

- protests and events marking the visit of the Quebec Premier to India in 2010;

- demonstrations in 10 countries in June-July 2010 over Canada’s support for the asbestos industry;

- press releases regarding potential investment from India and the UK for the Jeffrey Asbestos Mine, Quebec.
Working together the Ban Asbestos Network has:

- mounted asbestos conferences, workshops, seminars and events on six continents;
- produced leaflets, literature and video material in dozens of languages;
- developed an authoritative counter voice to asbestos industry vested interests;
- established a respected online profile;
- engaged with social partners to progress a dialogue with international agencies and national authorities.
No one ever gave asbestos victims anything they didn’t fight for.
Wherever rights have been obtained, they will be attacked.
Victims, their families and communities play a vital role in the campaign to ban asbestos.
We are stronger together than we are apart.