

Amendment to the Order for Enforcement of Industrial Safety and Health Act and related ordinances about asbestos

In order to prevent health impairment of workers, the Government of Japan will amend the Order for Enforcement of Industrial Safety and Health Act and related ordinances and place following obligations on the business operators.

Manufacturing asbestos and preparations containing them is prohibited under the current law. In accordance with the amendment to allow manufacturing asbestos and preparations containing them which are used as samples for asbestos analysis or for education of asbestos investigation, and are used as materials or ingredients, those who will manufacture such asbestos and preparations containing them shall obtain permission to manufacture them. In addition, business operators who manufacture these asbestos or preparations containing them shall take measures to prevent health impairments such as medical examinations of workers, and working environment measurement.

The Industrial Safety and Health Act and related ordinances are available at the following website.

http://www.japaneselawtranslation.go.jp/law/detail_main?re=01&ia=03&vm=&id=1926

http://www.japaneselawtranslation.go.jp/law/detail_main?re=01&ia=03&vm=&id=2245

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