

Chemicals Regulation Division
UK REACH Competent Authority

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Dear Mr. Dring and Ms. Kazan-Allen

**REGULATION (EC) NO. 1907/2006 CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION,
EVALUATION, AUTHORISATION AND RESTRICTION OF CHEMICALS (REACH).**

Your letter to Yuanda (UK) Co Ltd, copied to Richard Judge, Chief Executive of The Health and Safety Executive (HSE), has been passed for consideration to HSE's Chemical Regulation Division's Compliance Team.

Your letter raised concerns that chrysotile (white) asbestos, detected in building materials, imported into, and used in, Australia by Yuanda Australia, may also be present in building material imported into the UK. You suggest this is a possibility, as you believed that both Yuanda (UK) Co Ltd and Yuanda Australia source building materials from their parent company in China.

HSE is the nominated Competent Authority (CA) in the UK for REACH and acts on behalf of UK Government and the devolved administrations. As CA, one of HSE's functions is to enforce aspects of REACH¹, including Restriction number 6 within Annex XVII of the REACH Regulations², prohibiting the manufacture, placing on the market (including import) and use of asbestos within Europe.

Given the nature of your concern, we have already been in contact with Yuanda (UK) Co. Ltd to conduct preliminary enquiries; establish their relationship to Yuanda Australia, understand the operation of their supply chain and the specification and quality assurance and quantity of materials they bring into the UK. We are currently considering the results of sampling and analysis of selected materials from key Yuanda construction sites.

¹ further information can be found on the HSE website at www.hse.gov.uk/reach/enforcement.htm.

² the REACH Regulation and subsequent amending legislation can be found at <https://echa.europa.eu/web/guest/regulations/reach/legislation>

Based on this information, we anticipate taking a decision on the need for a formal investigation in the next 7 working days. If HSE does decide to conduct a formal investigation in response to your concern, we will do so in line with HSE's published enforcement procedure, details of this can be found at:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/enforce/index.htm>

We will let you know if we intend to formally investigate your concern and, if we do investigate, we will get back to you once this is complete. Please do not hesitate to contact us in the meantime.

Yours Sincerely



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