

**THE DECLARATION of The Joint Policy
Committee of the Societies of Epidemiology
Calls for a global ban on the mining, using, and
exporting of all forms of asbestos**

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The Joint Policy Committee of the Societies of Epidemiology (JPC-SE)

- Representing the policy standpoint of the Epidemiologists

- The Joint Policy Committee of the Societies of Epidemiology (JPC-SC): The united voice of 19 associations of Epidemiology worldwide <http://www.ijpc-se.org/index.php>
- Epidemiology:
The branch of medicine that deals with the study of the causes, distribution , and control of disease in populations

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The declaration of JPC-SE about Chrysotile

<http://www.ijpc-se.org/position.php>

“...Therefore, the Joint Policy Committee of the Societies of Epidemiology (JPC-SE), comprising epidemiologists from around the world:

- *Calls for a global ban on the mining, use, and export of all forms of asbestos;*
- *Calls specifically on the major asbestos exporting countries – Brazil, Canada, Kazakhstan, and Russia – to respect the right to health by ceasing the mining, use, and export of asbestos, and providing transition assistance to their asbestos-mining communities;*
- *Calls specifically on the major asbestos-using countries – Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Russia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam – to cease use of asbestos...”.*

EBHPD, RTCCD, Vn-BAN, NCDs-VN **make a request** that Communist Party of Vietnam, National Assembly, Governmental agencies, social civil organizations, and national media:

- Whenever using evidence to discuss and analyse chrysotile-related issues, scientific documents published from the following sources **must be employed**:
 - *Epidemiological associations, unions/societies of EPIDEMIOLOGY, PUBLIC HEALTH, the Ministries of Health of countries in the world;*
 - *International Agency for Research on Cancer, WHO*
- Assist the Vietnamese Fatherland Front, Vietnam Union of Science and Technology Association, independent research organizations (EBHPD, RTCCD, Vn-BAN, NCDs-VN...) in supervising the Ministries (particularly the Ministry of Construction, the Ministry of Industry and Trade, *the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment*) enforcing Official Letter 7307/VPCP-KGVX 19.9.2014
- Comply with recommendations of the Ministry of Health and those of WHO, ILO in Vietnam: “Protect the health of Vietnamese workers and people”
- Strive for the international mutual goal: “ NO ASBESTOS” – Asia Says NO to Asbestos!

Should anyone, organizations need national and international asbestos-related documents in English, please kindly contact:

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Thank you!