

Import Dec - Chinese asbestos sand

IDI Search Arrival Date	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)	IDT Origin Country Name	IDT Goods Description	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
04/02/2025			KADINK COLOURED SAND TUBES COLOURED 6 X 10G	
04/02/2025			CREATISTICS COLOURED SAND GREEN - 1KG	
14/02/2025			CREATISTICS COLOURED SAND BLUE - 1KG	
30/03/2025			CREATISTICS MAGIC SAND MODELLING TOOLS- PACK OF 5	
22/04/2025			CREATISTICS SAND ART EASTER EGGS - PACK OF 20	
22/04/2025			CREATISTICS SAND ART FRAMES - PACK OF 20	
25/04/2025			KADINK GIANT SAND TIMER	
25/04/2025			KADINK SAND 1.3KG NATURAL	
30/04/2025			CREATISTICS COLOURED SAND BROWN - 1 KG	
10/06/2025			CREATISTICS SAND ART FLOWERS - PACK OF 20	
09/07/2025			CREATISTICS COLOURED SAND YELLOW - 1 KG	
09/08/2025			CREATISTICS COLOURED SAND WHITE - 1 KG	
25/09/2025			KADINK SAND 1.3KG NATURAL	
20/10/2025			CREATISTICS COLOURED SAND RED - 1 KG	
		CHINA		

Logbook Date	Arrival Date	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)		Importer Name	Supplier Name	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)		Goods Description	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)		Quantity	Uls	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)		Origin	Origin
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Date: Friday, 14 November 2025 4:17:22 PM

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Good afternoon s. 11C(1)(a)

The 4 shell risk lists have been created for you, per the specifications.

s. 47E(d)

Regards
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
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Good Afternoon NPC,

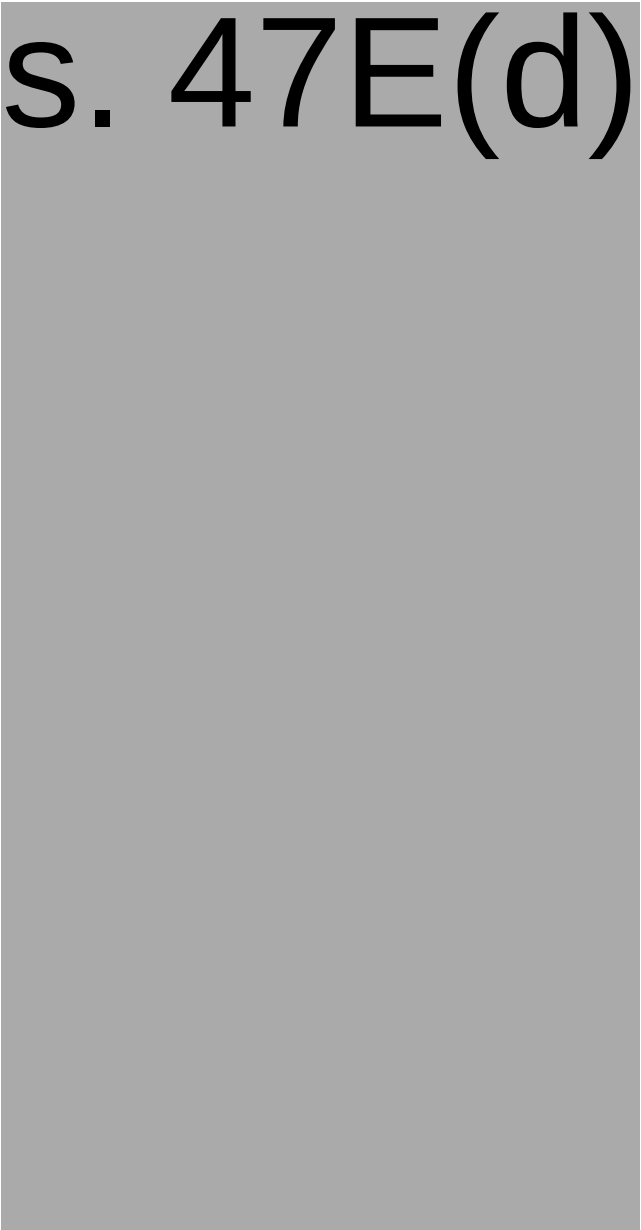
This is for a new profile targeting imports of Educational Coloured Sand that is a priority for the ABF. The Profile and all values for the risk lists will be

s. 47E(d)

Thank you so much in advance for your help.

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Thanks again,

Kind Regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Will hopefully have an answer back soon.

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Both. The ASSEA TPs will likely change though over a few weeks. They might need to go in as more of a placeholder, but I've taken out part of the last dot point to make them less time-sensitive.

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Just some minor tweaks to the s. 22(1)(a)(ii) TPs, just to simplify some of the technical language. Good to go to ops

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Good morning – for s. 22(1)(a)(ii) visibility, please find the WofG and specific ABF TPs on the coloured sand/asbestos issue. Also attached are the Minutes from yesterday's regular C'wealth/state and territory WG on asbestos where the topic was discussed. ASSEA and ACCC are leading on it at the moment. ASSEA will continue to update the WofG TPs as things evolve. We've had one basic media inquiry, which could've been answered by info on the website. We'll keep tracking the issue and brief up as needed.

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General WofG TPs from ASSEA:

- The Australian Border Force is aware of the importation of a coloured sand product contaminated with a low level of asbestos.
- A ban and import prohibition for asbestos in Australia has been in place since 2003.
- Government works together to ensure the ban and import prohibition of asbestos are enforced and to manage unlawful importations.
- Safeguards exist at the border to enforce the law and across relevant commonwealth, state, and territory regulators.
- This matter is being investigated by the relevant authorities to establish the full details and resolve the situation.
- Information regarding product recalls of consumer goods has been provided by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, and includes instructions for the safe removal and disposal of the products.
- This is available on www.productsafety.gov.au/
- ~~A national safety alert is being drafted for publication, in the interim any~~ workplace related enquiries should be directed to the relevant commonwealth, state, and territory work, health and safety regulators.

ABF specific TPs for S. 22(1)(a)(ii) and other media - based on website info and public facing statements previously:

- ***What are the current testing requirements for products imported from overseas to check for asbestos?***

When at-risk goods arrive at the Australian border without adequate assurance provided to demonstrate that no asbestos is present, the ABF will direct that the goods be sampled and tested while under customs control.

Importers are required to provide evidence of no asbestos content through this sampling and testing process.

A laboratory in Australia, or an accredited laboratory in the country of origin, can test goods before importation. The assurance provided to the ABF must be in the form of a test certificate, showing no presence of asbestiform asbestos in the results.

- ***How and where is this done?***

In Australia, testing of samples must be completed at an Australian testing laboratory that is accredited by the National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA).

When testing is done overseas, before shipping to Australia, certification must be from a testing laboratory accredited by NATA, or an equivalent testing authority in that country.

The local testing authority in the overseas country must be a signatory to a Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) with NATA, and be of at least equal to the relevant Australian standards.

- ***How would an imported product have made it into Australia containing***

asbestos?

Australia is one of the few countries in the Asia/Pacific region that has a comprehensive ban on all six types of asbestos.

In many countries, despite the known threat to human health, local standards allow manufacturers to use low levels of particular types of asbestos. Goods manufactured outside Australia might be labelled "asbestos free" and still contain low levels of asbestos.

It is the responsibility of importers and exporters to ensure they do not import or export prohibited goods such as asbestos. The ABF must be assured that asbestos containing goods are not unlawfully crossing the border.

The ABF are responsible for enforcing border controls for very high volumes of goods that cross the Australian Border everyday, and every effort is made to identify and prevent goods containing asbestos from entering Australia.

- ***Do the testing protocols need to be strengthened?***

The ABF expects importers to have adequate assurance measures in place to demonstrate that the goods they are importing do not contain asbestos.

The types of measures an importer may put in place could include removal of high-risk components before import (eg. brake pads in vehicles), testing by an accredited testing authority in another country, or thorough investigation of the supply chain including the manufacturing process.

Where the ABF is not satisfied with the measures in place, they will direct the goods be tested by a NATA accredited laboratory at the time of attempted importation.

The ABF uses a risk-based approach to identify imported goods that may contain asbestos.

There are many countries known to import, export or manufacture goods that contain asbestos. A number of these countries are also known to mine asbestos, and some of Australia's major trading partners are included on this list.

If mandatory testing were imposed on all consignments imported from these countries, regardless of commodity, the impact and cost to industry and the ABF would be considerable.

This type of testing effort would also seriously impede the ability of the ABF to address other border threats, such as illicit drugs and illegal firearms.

As the actions in the attachment are progressed, ASSEA will update the general TPs and we'll see what other media questions come our way – though they seem to be focussed more on the ACCC at the moment.

We'll keep you up-to-date.

Cheers

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

FOR INPUT/CLEARANCE: ASSEA has referred the below enquiry from the s. 22(1)(a)(ii) to us. However, are we responsible for the testing of imports to confirm the presence of asbestos? And if not, which agency is best placed to respond. If we are, request you input and Band1 clearance of an appropriate response.

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ENQUIRY

- *What are the current testing requirements for products imported from overseas to check for asbestos?*
 - *How and where is this done?*
 - *How would an imported product have made it into Australia containing asbestos?*
 - *Do the testing protocols need to be strengthened?*
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From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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To: ABF Media <media@abf.gov.au>

Subject: Fwd: Urgent media enquiry - s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hello,

Passing these questions onto you please for a response.

Thank you,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Cc: ASSEA - Communications <[s. 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@asbestossafety.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@asbestossafety.gov.au)>

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii), thank you for your enquiry.

Your questions are best directed to the Australian Border Force (ABF) whose media team can be contacted on:

- media@abf.gov.au
- 02 6264 2211

Kind regards, s. 22(1)(a)(i)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

**Assistant Director Stakeholder Engagement, Media and Coordination
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Hi,

Hope you're all well.

I'm hoping to speak to someone from ASSEA regarding the recall of several coloured sand products, or if that's not possible, get a response to the following questions:

The ACCC media release says the recall was issued by supplier Educational Colours for colourful children's sand products sold at Officeworks, Educating Kids, Modern Teaching Aids and Zart Art that may contain asbestos.

Officeworks has confirmed the products are made in and imported from China.

- What are the current testing requirements for products imported from overseas to check for asbestos?
- How and where is this done?
- How would an imported product have made it into Australia containing asbestos?
- Do the testing protocols need to be strengthened?

I'm writing the story now to publish this afternoon so it would be great to get a response as soon as possible, please.

Thanks so much,

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I am not sure. I will get back to you.

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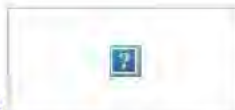
Hi again,

I was just contacted by a Vic enHealth (National Committee that advises the Australian Health Protection Committee (AHPC) on environmental health policy. It brings together expertise from Australian, state and territory health departments and research councils, and their New Zealand counterparts) representative this morning. They are having a meeting at 10 am and were after a bit of information on the sands issue – they may reach out for more info – particularly in relation to schools and homes that have the sand.

Cheers

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Some may have already seen this:

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Thanks s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Any further information will be great. Fantastic work getting FAMANZ on board.

Regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hey s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Absolutely. It is on my to do list for before lunchtime.

Just dealing with some urgent stuff at the moment but I will get and provide the info by NZ COP today.

Cheers!

s. 22(1)

Ngā Mihi

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (She/Her)

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

It's great that FAMANZ are doing this work – great work by you and WorkSafe NZ if you were able to influence them on this.

In relation to the s. 22(1)(a)(ii) report, it doesn't actually appear to identify the products being tested ("K-Mart Anko ..., etc.") the email it is attached to has some photos and some description but it would be helpful if the actual report made it clear what the specific products were that were tested. Would you be able to go back to s. 22(1)(a)(ii) and ask if they could provide that detail in the report or at least an accompanying email relating back to the Lab Ref or Client Reference Numbers within the report?

Thank you

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi Team,

Please see attached first positive ID laboratory results from NZ.

s. 47E(d)

The Kmart sand returning positive in NZ is not covered by any of the recall either in NZ or AU to my understanding.

Please note that this is just the start of data provision by FAMANZ. I will be sharing all the results as they land. FAMANZ agreed to this information sharing.

Ngā Mihi

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HWSA IMAWG

Agreed Action Items from meeting 75 today

1. National safety alert to be drafted – to await information from Qld risk assessment to inform content
2. All IMAWG members to brief up to respective internal Executive about this meeting
3. All state and territory regulators to provide comms to relevant jurisdictional Local Government Authorities (LGA) with messaging about the risk of the coloured sand products entering the general waste stream, with appropriate messaging to provide to householders through LGA websites etc.
4. s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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HWSA IMAWG

Updated talking points for consideration, as discussed in meeting 75.

Updated ASSEA media lines re coloured sand products

- ASSEA is aware of the importation of a coloured sand product contaminated with a low level of asbestos.
- A ban and import prohibition for asbestos in Australia has been in place since 2003.
- Government works together to ensure the ban and import prohibition of asbestos are enforced and to manage unlawful importations.
- Safeguards exist at the border to enforce the law and across relevant commonwealth, state, and territory regulators.
- This matter is being investigated by the relevant authorities to establish the full details and resolve the situation.
- Information regarding product recalls of consumer goods has been provided by the ACCC and includes instructions for the safe removal and disposal of the products.
- This is available on www.productsafety.gov.au/
- A national safety alert is being drafted for publication, in the interim any workplace related enquiries should be directed to the relevant commonwealth, state, and territory work, health and safety regulators.

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Sorry my bad

Here they are

1. There has been a ban and import prohibition of asbestos in Australia since 2003.
2. Government works together to ensure the ban and import prohibition of asbestos are enforced and to manage unlawful importations.
3. Safeguards exist at the border to enforce the law and across relevant commonwealth, state, and territory regulators.
4. ASSEA is aware of the importation of a coloured sand product contaminated with a low level of asbestos.
5. This matter is being investigated by the relevant authorities to establish the full details and resolve the situation.
6. If required, any information regarding product recalls of consumer goods will be provided by the ACCC.

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FYI

These are the proposed media talking points approved by the ASSEA CEO and sent to the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations (Cth).

Please advise of any concerns.

Regards

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Hey s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

This is gold. Thank you so much for sharing!

s. 47E(d)

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii) and all,

Please see further information, WHSQ have made further inquiries.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

What we know:

• s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

- Kadink Decorative Sand (Officeworks brand) was only available for purchase through Officeworks

• s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

- Risk perspective – see attached report
- Officeworks have removed all Kadink Sand from shelves

• s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

- WHSQ have seized removed sand from an Officeworks retail store for evidence purposes
- WHSQ are making further inquiries with Officeworks.

We can share further information in the upcoming HSWA IMAWG meeting scheduled for 13 November 2025.

Have a lovely weekend.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Please find below and attached details passed to the IMAWG from WHS Queensland about the detection of tremolite asbestos and chrysotile asbestos in coloured sands, said to be imported from China.

The samples analysed are described as Kadink Sand.

Open source:

Kadink is a brand owned by Officeworks ([Search Results | IP Australia | Trade Mark Search](#)). Educational Colours Pty Ltd own the Educational Colours (EC) brand which is widely distributed and on-sold amongst education supply retailers, but also by Officeworks. EC also market a range of coloured and other sands, clays and doughs.

Examples

[Educational Colours Sensory Cotton Sand SDS.pdf](#)

[Educational Colours Sensory Magic Sand SDS.pdf](#)

[Educational Colours Magic Sand Natural 5kg | Officeworks](#)

[Kadink Decorative Sand 10g x 6 Pack | Officeworks](#)

[Kadink Sand Timers 3 Pack | Officeworks](#)

[Kadink Giant Sand Timer | Officeworks](#)

There are a bunch of like products out there too for coloured sands marketed to the education supplies and children's market (eg. [Green Magic Sand - Kmart](#)), but also for use in decorative displays and household vases.

At some point quickly, the importer, once firmly identified, needs to be directed to hold all stocks and not on-supply, if they haven't already done so.

ABF

s. 47E(d)

I will then schedule a full meeting to discuss next steps including what is in scope for this potential matter.

Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Good morning s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

Thank you for your time on the phone this morning, as discussed, we have been made aware of an imported coloured sand product containing Asbestos via s. 22(1)(a)(ii) in NZ (thank you!) who had been alerted of a Podcast that will air in a few weeks ("Asbestos Still Kills" Podcast) discussing this issue.

A social media post was made on LinkedIn (attached) that s. 22(1)(a)(ii) had seen and supplied to us s. 47E(d) to find more information.

s. 47F(1) from s. 22(1)(a)(ii) has provided the attached information in reply to the s. 47E(d) identifying the source of the samples analysed, one entity appears to be a Hygiene Lab and the other appears to be a coloured sand importer (both based in Victoria).

See attached docs for consideration and further enquires,

Kind regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Good morning ABF Media,

Fyi, the points responding to the media enquiry from yesterday afternoon have now been approved by my SESB1.

Regards,

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Good morning,

Thank you for preparing the below responses, I have no concerns with the material below. While the question has not been posed below, I imagine given the coverage and the impacts there will be questions about what are we doing/who are we working with now that this has been discovered and what are we doing to ensure no further products are imported. Do we have responses for those?

Kind regards

Melissa Catania

Assistant Secretary, Customs and Trade Frameworks Branch
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Hi Mel

Draft media response below for your review. The last point is based on a response to a Senate Inquiry we did back in 2017. The rest of it is basically straight off the website – so all messages align with what we've said previously. For your clearance. The Guardian has run

the article without our comments already, but we're barely mentioned. ABF Media will follow up. [Colourful children's sand sold by Officeworks recalled amid asbestos fears | Health | The Guardian](#)

For your clearance. I'll loop the FASO in once your happy.

- ***What are the current testing requirements for products imported from overseas to check for asbestos?***

When at-risk goods arrive at the Australian border without adequate assurance provided to demonstrate that no asbestos is present, the ABF will direct that the goods be sampled and tested while under customs control.

Testing requirements for asbestos at the border, require evidence of no asbestos content, that is supported by having the goods representatively sampled, with those samples are tested (analysed) to see if asbestos is present. A laboratory in Australia or an accredited laboratory in the country of origin can test goods before importation. The assurance provided to the ABF must be in the form of a test certificate, showing no presence of asbestiform asbestos in the results.

- ***How and where is this done?***

In Australia, testing of samples must be completed at an Australian testing laboratory that is accredited by the National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA).

When testing is done overseas, before shipping to Australia, certification must be from a testing laboratory accredited by the NATA, or equivalent testing authority in that country.

The local testing authority in the overseas country, must be a signatory to a Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) with NATA, and be of at least equal to the relevant Australian standards.

- ***How would an imported product have made it into Australia containing asbestos?***

Australia is one of the few countries in the Asia/Pacific region that has a comprehensive ban on all six types of asbestos.

In many countries, despite the known threat to human health, local standards allow manufacturers to use low levels of particular types of asbestos. Goods manufactured outside Australia might be labelled "asbestos free" and still contain low levels of asbestos.

It is the responsibility of importers and exporters to ensure they do not import or export prohibited goods such as asbestos. The ABF must be assured that asbestos containing goods are not unlawfully crossing the border.

The ABF are responsible for enforcing border controls for very high volumes of goods that cross the Australian Border everyday, and every effort is made to identify and prevent goods containing asbestos from entering Australia.

Do the testing protocols need to be strengthened?

The ABF expects importers to have adequate assurance measures in place to demonstrate that the goods they are importing do not contain asbestos.

The types of measures an importer may put in place could include removal of high risk components before import (eg. brake pads in vehicles), testing by a legitimate testing authority in another country, or thorough investigation of the supply chain including the manufacturing process.

Where the ABF is not satisfied with the measures in place, they will direct the goods be tested by a National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) accredited laboratory at the time of attempted importation.

The ABF uses a risk based approach to identify imported goods that may contain asbestos.

There are many countries known to import, export or manufacture goods that contain asbestos. A number of these countries are also known to mine asbestos, and some of Australia's major trading partners are included in this list.

If mandatory testing were imposed on all consignments imported from these countries, regardless of commodity, the impact and cost to industry and the ABF would be considerable.

This type of testing would also seriously impede the ability of the ABF to address other border threats, such as illicit drugs and illegal firearms.

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Hey mate – you want to pull together a quick straight bat reply to this one? Probably will come straight from the website.

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

I think the summary from the IMAWG meeting yesterday will pretty much cover off on what Mel is asking here.

Ta,

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The Heads of Workplace Safety Authorities Imported Materials with Asbestos Working Group (IMAWG) met on 13 November 2025, to discuss the response to the matter of asbestos contamination in specific brands of coloured sand.

Key points from the meeting are below:

s. 47E(d)

s. 47G(1)(a)

WorkSafe VIC will seek and provide details of these suppliers to the ABF to enable us to source import data to determine the extent of this supply to Australia to assist investigations by the IMAWG.

s. 47C(1)

A full list of action items coming out of this meeting has been provided by the IMAWG Secretariat, included for information below.

Action Items – HWSA IMAWG Meeting – 13NOV25

1. National safety alert to be drafted – to await information from Qld risk assessment to inform content
2. All IMAWG members to brief up to respective internal Executive about this meeting
3. All state and territory regulators to provide comms to relevant jurisdictional Local Government Authorities (LGA) with messaging about the risk of the coloured sand products entering the general waste stream, with appropriate messaging to provide to householders through LGA websites etc.

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Sounds good, thanks s. 22(1)(a)(ii).

Regards,

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Thanks ^{s. 22(1)(a)} yes the journalist has published and said at the end that ABF had been contacted for comment.

We will review the response and decide in the morning if it would still be valuable to send it to the journo and ask her to update the article, or just file it and keep it for future queries.

Regards,

^{s. 22(1)(a)}

^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)}

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Thanks ^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)},

Our draft response is with my SES B1 now, although looks like the article went ahead without ABF input?

Regards,

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

FYI: [Colourful children's sand sold by Officeworks recalled amid asbestos fears | Health | The Guardian](#)

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Fyi – not cleared yet, will keep you updated if they change.

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Hi Mel

Draft media response below for your review. The last point is based on a response to a Senate Inquiry we did back in 2017. The rest of it is basically straight off the website – so all messages align with what we've said previously. For your clearance. s. 22(1)(a)(ii) has run

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

I just got out of a 3 hour IMAWG meeting, most of which was talking about the coloured sand matter, agreeing an approach etc.

I am working with RGAU to confirm our coordinated briefing up to the exec (that s. 22(1)(a)(ii) reiterated is a 'requirement' from their CEO), and I'll get that through to you asap.

In the meantime, ASSEA also said they got a media query from the s. 22(1)(a)(ii) while in the meeting, that they will be sending to the ABF, so seems like we will need to get the media points cleared by Mel at this point.

They have been updated again, as attached, assume best for them to come from you to Mel for clearance? Unless we want to wait and see what the actual nature of the query is, it might need something different?

Ta,

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Hi Mel – just one for your backpocket at this point. There's been a detection of trace amounts of asbestos in a coloured sand product being sold at Officeworks. This sort of thing happens from time to time. TPs are below for further context on how we handle these incidents. We'll get you to clear them if we get any questions. ACCC have put out a statement (two e-mails below). No one has asked us about it yet.

We'll let you know if this thing grows legs at all.

Cheers

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Thanks s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

S. 47C(1)

Updated 12 November 2025, 10PM

Thanks,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

FOR INFO: Some of the media reports today on the product you mentioned:

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[https://links.streem.com.au/triple-m-melbourne-105-1-20251112-7LzWVwK0lrjzhYC1hLhyh9mjqlz?keywords\[\]=coloured%20sand](https://links.streem.com.au/triple-m-melbourne-105-1-20251112-7LzWVwK0lrjzhYC1hLhyh9mjqlz?keywords[]=coloured%20sand)

ACCC released the following yesterday afternoon: [Customers warned of recalled children's sand due to asbestos risks | ACCC](#)

No mention of ABF or media enquiries received by ABF Media at this stage.

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No problem, thanks [s. 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@abf.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@abf.gov.au)

Please see the below media talking points.

To ensure consistent messaging, we have used the points that were drafted and cleared by ASSEA, replacing the name in the fourth dot point.

- There has been a ban and import prohibition of asbestos in Australia since 2003.
- Government works together to ensure the ban and import prohibition of asbestos are enforced and to manage unlawful importations.
- Safeguards exist at the border to enforce the law and across relevant

commonwealth, state, and territory regulators.

- The Australian Border Force is aware of the importation of a coloured sand product contaminated with a low level of asbestos.
- This matter is being investigated by the relevant authorities to establish the full details and resolve the situation.
- If required, any information regarding product recalls of consumer goods will be provided by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.

Regards,

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for the awareness.

We will come to Environmental Goods and Product Safety should we receive media enquiries.

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Good morning ABF Media,

I am writing to advise that there has been a post border detection of asbestos in a coloured sand product. The matter is impacting Australia and New Zealand, and we have received

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Regards,

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