

# Total Ban on Asbestos in Japan

The production, import, transfer, provision or use of asbestos or any material containing more than 0.1% asbestos by weight is totally prohibited in Japan.



All types of asbestos shown below are totally prohibited in Japan. (Any material containing more than 0.1% asbestos by weight, regardless of type, is illegal.)

Chrysotile  
Crocidolite  
Amosite  
Anthophyllite  
Actinolite  
Tremolite

The following cases are subject to import bans in Japan:

- The import of any product containing asbestos exceeding 0.1% by weight is totally prohibited in Japan. When the percentage of asbestos by weight in the product imported into Japan exceeds 0.1% even if a Japanese importer has imported a product containing asbestos to Japan inadvertently or its inclusion in the product is unintentional, the importer has violated the import ban.
- “Asbestos exceeding 0.1% by weight is illegal” means that it is illegal for even any individual component of a product to contain more than 0.1% asbestos even if the overall asbestos percentage by weight does not exceed 0.1% to the total weight of the product. For example, if some part of a bicycle or other products, such as a brake, contains more than 0.1% asbestos, importing such product into Japan constitutes a violation of law.
- The import of products containing more than 0.1% asbestos into Japan, regardless of types, use, weight or size, is illegal in Japan.\*

※ The import of products containing asbestos for tests or research may exceptionally be approved, but importers who trade in such products must obtain licenses in advance.

The Japanese government requests that enterprises importing machinery or other products into Japan confirm that the packing, gaskets, etc. of such products contain no asbestos, based on supporting documents or analytical results before importing such products.