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-SC): The united voice of 19 associations of Epidemiology worldwide [http://www.ijpce-se.org/index.php](http://www.ijpce-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 Trần Tuấn, Hội thảo amiăng trắng tại Viện NCQLKTTU, Bộ KH&ĐT; Hà nội 17.11.2015
Should anyone, organizations need national and international asbestos-related documents in English, please kindly contact:

• Non-Governmental Organizations Information Centre, Vietnam Union of Science and Technology Association
  
  Email: ;

• Evidence-Based Health Policy Development Alliance (EBHPD), Vietnam NCDs Prevention Alliance (NCDs-VN), Research and Training Centre for Community Development Cộng đồng (RTCCD).
  
  Email:
Thank you!