

Swedish requirements and instructions for the handling of identified asbestos on board ships built after the 1st of July 2002

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- Swedish Transport Agency Regulation (TSFS 2019:56) regarding the Work Environment on board Ships
- Swedish Work Environment Authority Regulation (AFS 2006:1) regarding Asbestos

SOLAS Regulation II-1/3-5

If asbestos has been identified on board Swedish vessels built after 1 July 2002, the following procedure shall be applied.

The RO shall inform the STA without undue delay.

The company shall apply for an exemption to the STA. The following documents and information shall be attached to the application:

- an action plan, indicating when the asbestos will be removed and that it will be removed by professional asbestos removal companies,
- risk assessment and handling and safety instructions regarding urgent works that involves a risk of asbestos exposure,
- information that the areas where asbestos is identified is marked with warning sign or tape,
- information that all crew and other affected persons have been informed where material containing asbestos is located, and
- information that spare parts containing asbestos (e.g. gaskets and brake linings) have been sealed and will be deposited ashore, so that they are not used by mistake.

If the STA finds that an exemption may be granted, the RO may issue Exemption Certificate if necessary. The RO shall in any case issue a statutory condition/retroactive requirement reflecting the date of action in line with the STA decision.

For vessels built before the 1st of July 2002 materials containing asbestos are only allowed as long as they do not pose a risk to the crew's health.

The following rules and guidelines apply:

- MSC/Circ. 1045 GUIDELINES FOR MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING OF ON-BOARD MATERIALS CONTAINING ASBESTOS
- Swedish Transport Agency Regulation (TSFS 2019:56) regarding the Work Environment on board Ships, chapter 2, section 17-24
- Swedish Work Environment Authority Regulation (AFS 2006:1) Regarding Asbestos