Message

From: Beck, Nancy [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=168ECB5184AC44DE95A913297F353745-BECK, NANCY]
Sent: 8/8/2018 6:42:57 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Bertrand, Charlotte [Bertrand.Charlotte@epa.gov]; Baptist, Erik [baptist.erik@epa.gov]; Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Asbestos Fact Sheet_FINAL.2.docx
Attachments: Asbestos Fact Sheet_FINAL.2 (003).docx

So this:

Does EPA allow the import of asbestos from Russia?

Asbestos is used for a handful of uses including water purification. EPA cannot simply ban imports, regardless of their source, for ongoing uses unless its evaluation under the Toxic Substances Control Act identifies unreasonable risk associated with such importation. The SNUR, when final, would prevent import, including from Russia and anywhere else, for the uses in the rule.

Nancy B. Beck, Ph.D., DABT
Deputy Assistant Administrator, OCSPP
P: 202-564-1273
Cell Phone / Ex. 6
beck.nancy@epa.gov

From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 2:37 PM
To: Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Bertrand, Charlotte <Bertrand.Charlotte@epa.gov>; Baptist, Erik <Baptist.Erik@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Asbestos Fact Sheet_FINAL.2.docx

Yes, and we need that line in what I sent too. "This regulation, when final, would prevent import, including from Russia and wherever else, for the uses in the rule."

From: Beck, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 2:35 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Bertrand, Charlotte <Bertrand.Charlotte@epa.gov>; Baptist, Erik <Baptist.Erik@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Asbestos Fact Sheet_FINAL.2.docx

Agreed. I understand your point, we just need to figure out how to say that.
Currently there are allowed uses- so import could come from anywhere.

We can say:

Nancy B. Beck, Ph.D., DABT
Deputy Assistant Administrator, OCSPP
P: 202-564-1273

Cell Phone / Ex. 6
beck.nancy@epa.gov

From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 2:30 PM
To: Bertrand, Charlotte <Bertrand.Charlotte@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Baptist, Erik <Baptist.Erik@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Asbestos Fact Sheet_FINAL.2.docx

My point is that we don't control where the stuff comes from. If we ban it all then it comes from no where. If it comes in we regulate how it's used not where it comes from.

From: Bertrand, Charlotte
Sent: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 2:27 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Baptist, Erik <Baptist.Erik@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Asbestos Fact Sheet_FINAL.2.docx

Section 6(a)(1) enables us to ban manufacture which includes import.

From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2018 2:22 PM
To: Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Bertrand, Charlotte <Bertrand.Charlotte@epa.gov>; Baptist, Erik <Baptist.Erik@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: Asbestos Fact Sheet_FINAL.2.docx
Importance: High

We don't allow it or disallow imports. We have no authority on that. Why can't we say No to that with this explanation?