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Hi all,

I used the information from our website to update the language on the SNUR. It doesn't look like I'll be able to confirm the list of countries from which asbestos-containing products are imported. I sent one more message to DOC, but I think State Dept. will be finalizing the paper tomorrow, so the list of countries will be deleted if we don't hear back from DOC.

Laura

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Hi Robert,

This is the latest version. I have also received some info from Dept. of Commerce that I need to sift through. I think it will confirm some of the import questions, but not all.

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Laura- Can you please send me the latest chrysotile paper? Not sure if I have the latest to provide edits to (reflecting the final SNUR).

-Robert

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Hi all,

We received the attached comments from OGC on the HBCD position paper. Could you please let me know if you are in agreement with these changes?

Also, if there is text you would like to include in the chrysotile asbestos paper related to the final SNUR, please let me know that as well.

Thank you,
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Hi all,

Please find attached draft U.S. position papers on chrysotile asbestos and HBCD, both proposed for listing under the Rotterdam Convention and up for discussion at the Conference of the Parties (COP) in late April/early May. Listing a chemical in Annex III of the Rotterdam Convention makes it subject to the prior informed consent procedure, which is a mechanism for formally obtaining and disseminating the decisions of importing Parties as to whether they wish to

receive future shipments of those chemicals listed in Annex III of the Convention and for ensuring compliance with these decisions by exporting Parties.

I want to thank Robert and Sue for providing input. On the last page of the asbestos paper, I am working with Dept. of Commerce to see if I can confirm the highlighted information regarding imports. If not, I will suggest to State Dept. that it be deleted. I have also highlighted where we can update the text when the final asbestos SNUR is issued.

State Dept. has asked for interagency clearance by next **Wednesday, April 17**, but I think we will have a couple of extra days to provide updates as the drafter. If you have any other comments or need more background information, please let me know.

Thank you,
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