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Our REF: AA19/1

Dear Mr Deaves

**Re: Permission granted to import asbestos for research or analysis –
Renewal permit number: AA19/1**

Thank you for your correspondence originally directed to Minister for Jobs and Industrial Relations and Minister for Women, the Hon Kelly O'Dwyer MP, concerning your request to renew Eurofins Mgt's permit to import samples of material potentially containing asbestos for the purpose of scientific analysis. Your correspondence has been referred to me as I have the authority to deal with this matter.

In your application, you satisfied the importation requirements and have provided assurances of adherence to the work health and safety laws in relation to transport, handling, labelling and disposal of the samples.

As an authorised person for the relevant sections of the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956*, I grant permission to Eurofins Mgt to import samples of asbestos for the period ending 30 June 2020 in accordance with:

- Subsection 4C(2) of the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956* in respect of possible amphibole asbestos
- Subsection 4C(6) of the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956* in respect of possible chrysotile asbestos.

In communications with ASEA, you elected to return waste to the country of origin when this a significant quantity where a risk assessment demonstrates the risks can be managed to workers and others so far as reasonably practicable. This commitment would ensure the total volume of waste for disposal in Australia is small and is of minimal burden. As an authorised person for the relevant section of the *Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations 1958*, I also grant permission to Eurofins Mgt to export samples of asbestos for the period ending 30 June 2020 in accordance with:

- Subsection 4(1)(e) of the *Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations 1958* in relation to export of asbestos.



The new permit number for both import and export is **AA19/1** and is granted on the conditions that:

1. The samples will be treated as containing asbestos (until proven otherwise) and that relevant requirements in WHS and environmental protection laws in all states and territories are complied with from the time the samples enter into Australia through to disposal.
2. The asbestos-containing samples for return to the originating country will be risk assessed to ensure they can be contained in such a manner as to prevent exposure to asbestos fibres during export. Where a risk assessment indicates these samples cannot be contained in this way, the samples will be disposed of in Australia according to procedures you have described.

Please ensure prior to exporting samples waste that the originating country's customs legislation will permit re-importation of the waste.

Please be advised that Eurofins Mgt's details will be provided to the relevant section of the Department of Home Affairs and Australian Border Force and may be provided to the relevant Work Health and Safety Regulators for their regulatory oversight.

If you intend to import samples after 30 June 2020 please submit your renewal application at least 60 days before this permit expires.

Yours sincerely



Justine Ross
Chief Executive Officer
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