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## **Notice to New Zealand wind turbine operators**

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### **Information request – imported wind turbine components**

WorkSafe New Zealand is seeking information from wind turbine operators regarding certain imported components that may potentially contain asbestos. This follows advice from our partner agencies in Australia, who have identified asbestos-containing material in specific internal service lift components.

At this stage, WorkSafe has not received any reports of asbestos in wind turbine components in New Zealand. This notice is being shared as a precautionary measure to ensure we have an accurate understanding of any components that may have originated from the same overseas suppliers.

### **Background**

Australian health and safety regulators have identified asbestos in brake and clutch pads associated with internal service lifts. These components were supplied by companies based in China:

- 3S Industry Group INC. 11 Tongji South Road, Jingkai District, Beijing 100176, China – lift supplier
- Tianjin Jinxing Eternal Electric Co., Ltd. – lift motor manufacturer

There is also a possibility that brake pads within turbine units could be affected. Again, we have no confirmed instances in New Zealand, but we want to ensure that operators are aware and able to check the source of these components.

### **What we're asking you to do**

1. Confirm by sending an email to [Technical@worksafe.govt.nz](mailto:Technical@worksafe.govt.nz) whether you have imported any turbine or lift components from the suppliers listed above, or whether any equipment installed in your turbines could include components from these suppliers.
2. Where such components are present, arrange an independent assessment by a suitably qualified asbestos testing facility.
3. If testing confirms the presence of asbestos please email us at [Technical@worksafe.govt.nz](mailto:Technical@worksafe.govt.nz). Please ensure removal and disposal is undertaken in accordance with the Health and Safety at Work (Asbestos) Regulations 2016 and under the direction of a [licensed asbestos removalist](#).

### **Worker safety**

The potential risk relates to maintenance work around brake components, where asbestos fibres could be released if disturbed. Routine inspection and testing will help ensure any risk is well managed.

Guidance on managing and removing asbestos is available on our website: [Management and removal of asbestos](#)

**Next steps**

Information from the sector regarding the presence of components from the identified suppliers will enable us to support a coordinated and informed approach. We'll be working closely with other government agencies to ensure that businesses are supported and aware of how to manage the risks associated with these components to keep workers healthy and safe.

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