

---

# Approved method for managing risk associated with the supply and transport of asbestos-containing material in aircraft and military aircraft components

## Background

The Health and Safety at Work (Asbestos) Regulations 2016 (the regulations), which came into force on 4 April 2016, impose requirements on PCBUs and others in relation to the carrying out of work involving asbestos. The regulations prohibit PCBUs from carrying out work involving asbestos, or from directing or allowing a worker to carry out work involving asbestos, unless the work is of a type described in regulation 7(2) of the regulations, or the work is carried out in accordance with a method approved by WorkSafe New Zealand.

WorkSafe New Zealand acknowledges that some aircraft in use in New Zealand must be serviced and maintained using components that are asbestos containing materials (ACMs), and that an approved method for transport and supply of these components is necessary where their use is required.

Under regulation 8(1) of the regulations, WorkSafe New Zealand approves this method for work involving ACMs in aircraft and military aircraft components. It applies to the supply and transport (including handling), and storage of such components.

## Commencement

This approved method comes into force on 4 April 2016.

## Definitions

(1) In this approved method –

**Act** means the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015

**Civil Aviation Rule** means a rule made under Part 3 of the Civil Aviation Act 1990

**regulations** means the Health and Safety at Work (Asbestos) Regulations 2016

**specified components** means components used, or intended to be used, in aircraft and military aircraft that are, or contain, ACMs.

(2) Terms and expressions used and not defined in this approved method but defined in the Act or the regulations have the same meaning as in the Act or regulations, as the case may be.

## Requirements of the approved method

(1) A PCBU who supplies the specified components must ensure they are supplied to the PCBU who intends to use them in the original sealed containers provided by the manufacturer.

- (2) A PCBU who supplies the specified components must ensure that the containers are marked clearly to indicate the presence of asbestos.
- (3) A PCBU may transport the specified components on an aircraft only if the PCBU holds a Special Provision Carriage Approval issued by the Director of the CAA under Civil Aviation Rule 92.9(b).
- (4) A PCBU must ensure that the specified components remain stored in the original sealed containers provided by the manufacturer prior to their installation and use.

### Act and regulations to apply

To avoid doubt, a PCBU must comply with all relevant requirements of the Act and the regulations when carrying out, or directing or allowing a worker to carry out, work to which this approved method applies, whether or not those requirements are referred to in this approved method.

DATED at Wellington this 21 day of March 2016



**Gordon MacDonald**  
Chief Executive  
WorkSafe New Zealand