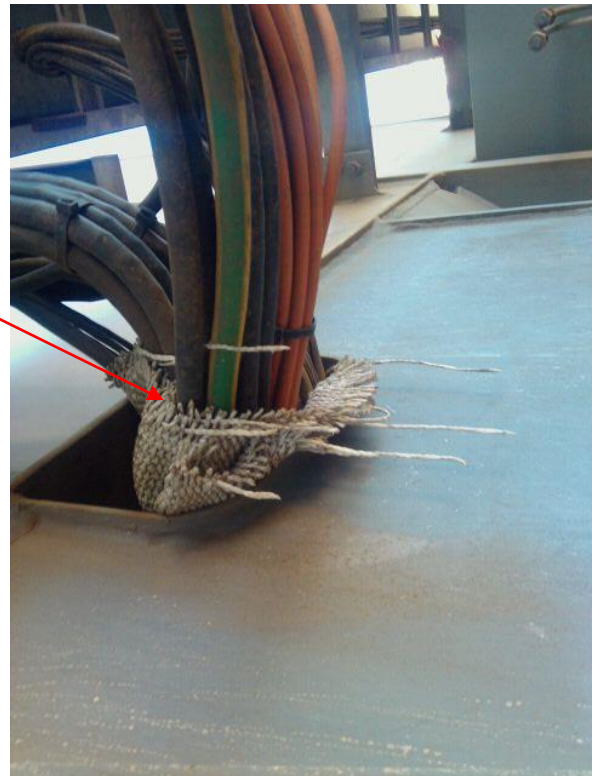


BACKGROUND: (25.7.2013)

It has been discovered that two sections of plant (reclaimers) which have been imported from China, have been transported along with a type of fire blanket, this blanket has been used to protect cabling within the plant from damage during transit. Tests carried out on the 20th July have confirmed the presence of Chrysotile Asbestos in the material used to manufacture the blanket. The plant has since been isolated and the material is being removed by competent persons.

Blanket Containing Chrysotile Asbestos



RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Ensure that any packaging imported along with any plant or equipment does not contain any hazardous materials that could pose a risk to workers when unloading or installing.
- Companies receiving imported plant or machinery should contact either the manufacturer or the importer to inform them that material containing hazardous substances may not be used in any packaging that is to be imported into Australia.
- Any packaging found to contain hazardous substances should be isolated immediately and removed by competent persons.
- All hazardous materials should be adequately labelled for easy identification.

All companies that manufacture, import or supply plant and equipment, have duties under the relevant sections of legislation in their corresponding state to ensure the safety and health of anyone that comes in contact with the equipment during transportation, installation and maintenance.

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