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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft opinion**  
**Anne-Sophie Pelletier**  
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Protecting workers from asbestos  
(2019/2182(INL))

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### **Amendment 1**

**Dita Charanzová, Svenja Hahn, Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Jordi Cañas**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Recital -A (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***-A. whereas the use of asbestos fibres and products containing these fibres added intentionally has been prohibited as from January 2005<sup>1a</sup>***

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***<sup>1a</sup> EU Regulation No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006***

Or. en

### **Amendment 2**

**Dita Charanzová, Svenja Hahn, Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Jordi Cañas**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Recital -A a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***-Aa. whereas Member States must ensure the complete phase-out of Asbestos fibres at the latest by 2025<sup>1a</sup>***

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***<sup>1a</sup> EU Regulation No 2016/1005 of 22 June 2016 amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 as regards asbestos fibres (chrysotile)***

Or. en

### **Amendment 3**

**Leszek Miller, Evelyne Gebhardt, Adriana Maldonado López, Maria Grapini, Brando Benifei, Alex Agius Saliba, Marc Angel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A**

*Draft opinion*

A. whereas despite the European-level ban on its use, asbestos remains the main cause of death linked to occupational diseases, and whereas it also affects individuals outside the working environment through a continuous increase in cancers and mesothelioma linked to passive, limited exposure;

*Amendment*

A. whereas despite the European-level ban on its use, asbestos remains the main cause of death linked to occupational diseases, and whereas it also affects individuals outside the working environment through a continuous increase in cancers and mesothelioma linked to passive, limited exposure; ***whereas many cases of asbestos-related diseases are not recognised as occupational diseases;***

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Clara Ponsatí Obiols**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A**

*Draft opinion*

A. whereas despite the European-level ban on its use, asbestos remains the main cause of death linked to occupational diseases, and whereas it also affects individuals outside the working environment through a continuous increase in cancers and mesothelioma linked to passive, limited exposure;

*Amendment*

A. whereas despite the European-level ban on its use, asbestos remains the main cause of death linked to occupational diseases, and whereas it also affects individuals outside the working environment, ***including children,*** through a continuous increase in cancers and mesothelioma, ***as well as other non-malignant lung and pleural disorders,*** linked to passive, limited exposure;

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Anne-Sophie Pelletier**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A**

*Draft opinion*

A. whereas despite the European-level ban on its use, asbestos remains the main cause of death linked to occupational diseases, and whereas it also affects individuals outside the working environment through a continuous increase in cancers and mesothelioma linked to passive, limited exposure;

*Amendment*

A. whereas despite the European-level ban on its use ***since 2005 and the REACH Regulation, which lists six groups of asbestos fibre***, asbestos remains the main cause of death linked to occupational diseases, and whereas it also affects individuals outside the working environment through a continuous increase in cancers and mesothelioma linked to passive, limited exposure;

Or. fr

**Amendment 6**

**Salvatore De Meo, Romana Tomc**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital A**

*Draft opinion*

A. whereas despite the European-level ban on its use, ***asbestos remains the main cause of death linked to*** occupational diseases, and whereas it also affects individuals outside the working environment through a continuous increase in cancers and mesothelioma linked to passive, limited exposure;

*Amendment*

A. whereas despite the European-level ban on its use, occupational ***asbestos exposure is the number one cause of mesothelioma cancer***, and whereas it also affects individuals outside the working environment through a continuous increase in cancers and mesothelioma linked to passive, limited exposure;

Or. en

**Amendment 7**

**Anne-Sophie Pelletier**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital A a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Aa. whereas asbestos is acknowledged, as is well established and documented, as***

*a cause of lung, laryngeal and ovarian cancers and mesothelioma, with a latency period of 20 to 55 years following exposure; whereas a study by the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health puts the number of persons dying each year as a result of exposure to asbestos at some 250 000<sup>1a</sup>;*

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<sup>1a</sup> <https://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/15/5/1000/htm>

Or. fr

**Amendment 8**  
**Salvatore De Meo, Romana Tomc**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*Aa. whereas Regulation (EU) 1907/2006 specified that the manufacture, selling and use of asbestos fibres and products containing these fibres added intentionally is prohibited and whereas Regulation (EU) 2016/1005 amending Annex XVII to REACH regulation aims ensuring the complete phase out of asbestos products in Member States by 1 July 2025;*

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Anne-Sophie Pelletier**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Ab.    whereas asbestos is still present in many administrative buildings, schools, housing, infrastructure and public-transport facilities and water supply networks; whereas knowledge about the use and presence of that substance is dwindling over time;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 10**  
**Anne-Sophie Pelletier**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Ac.    whereas, outside the working environment, cancers and mesothelioma linked to passive, limited exposure to asbestos are increasing continuously; whereas asbestos contamination of the indoor environment is a cause of mortality, and whereas it is difficult to lay down safety thresholds for exposure to asbestos;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 11**  
**Leszek Miller, Evelyne Gebhardt, Adriana Maldonado López, Maria Grapini, Brando Benifei, Alex Agius Saliba, Marc Angel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**B.    whereas the extensive use of asbestos in construction poses a threat to building users and occupants;**

***B.    whereas a substantial share of the existing built environment in the EU is older than 50 years and according to EU***

***Building Stock Observatory in most EU Member States, half of the residential stock was built before 1970 when asbestos was widely used;*** whereas the extensive use of asbestos in construction poses a threat to ***many different groups of people, including home-owners,*** building users and occupants;

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Salvatore De Meo, Romana Tomc**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B**

*Draft opinion*

B. whereas the extensive use of asbestos in construction poses a threat to building users and occupants;

*Amendment*

B. whereas the ***past*** extensive use of asbestos in construction ***can still*** poses a threat to building users and occupants ***when it is friable, which leads to the release of dust or fibres into the air where they can be inhaled or ingested by people ;***

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Anne-Sophie Pelletier**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B**

*Draft opinion*

B. whereas the extensive use of asbestos in construction poses a threat to building users and occupants;

*Amendment*

B. whereas the extensive use of asbestos in construction poses a threat to ***workers who are in contact with it and to building users and occupants who are passively exposed to it;***

Or. fr



**Amendment 14**  
**Clara Ponsatí Obiols**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B**

*Draft opinion*

B. whereas the extensive use of asbestos in construction poses a threat to building users and occupants;

*Amendment*

B. whereas the extensive use of asbestos in construction ***in the Union prior to its ban*** poses a threat to ***current*** building users and occupants;

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Dita Charanzová, Svenja Hahn, Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Jordi Cañas**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B**

*Draft opinion*

B. whereas the ***extensive use of*** asbestos ***in construction*** poses a threat to building users and occupants;

*Amendment*

B. whereas the asbestos ***residues in buildings and constructions containing asbestos*** poses a threat to building users and occupants;

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Anne-Sophie Pelletier**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Ba. whereas because of the lifespan of buildings with asbestos-containing components, the deterioration of materials, and the energy-related building renovation wave, renovation processes will be complex, posing immediate risks of***

*exposure for persons on or near construction sites, as well as future risks for users and occupiers because of the slow asbestos-dust dispersal rate;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 17**  
**Salvatore De Meo, Romana Tomc**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C**

*Draft opinion*

C. whereas *Parliament<sup>1</sup> and the social partners<sup>2</sup> have recognised the usefulness of public registers of asbestos presence and technical certificates as have been introduced in several EU countries;*

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<sup>1</sup> *European Parliament resolution of 14 March 2013 on asbestos-related occupational health risks and prospects for abolishing all existing asbestos (OJ C 36, 29.1.2016, p. 102).*

<sup>2</sup> *Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee of 18 February 2015 on 'Freeing the EU from asbestos' (OJ C 251, 31.7.2015, p. 13).*

*Amendment*

C. whereas *some Member States have developed registers of buildings containing asbestos; whereas this is a good starting point for exploring the possibility of introducing such a requirement in all Member States;*

Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**Katrin Langensiepen**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**Ca.** *whereas a mandatory screening and a detailed registration of existing*

*asbestos in buildings should be considered a first step to ban asbestos, also taking into account the Renovation Waves Strategy that aims at doubling the renovation rate of buildings in the next ten years to increase energy and resources efficiency in the building sector while promoting circularity principles of construction materials;*

Or. en

**Amendment 19**

**Dita Charanzová, Svenja Hahn, Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Jordi Cañas**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital C a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*Ca. whereas the removal of asbestos places a financial burden on building owners; whereas the introduction of requirements for the safe removal of asbestos must be socially fair and must be accompanied by appropriate measures to support owners to finance the needed renovations, as well as accompanying measures for SMEs conducting works;*

Or. en

**Amendment 20**

**Leszek Miller, Evelyne Gebhardt, Adriana Maldonado López, Maria Grapini, Brando Benifei, Alex Agius Saliba**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital C a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*Ca. whereas the legislation in force in some Member States only puts certain obligations on owners, administrators or*

*managers of asbestos-containing buildings when they start to use the building or intend to start its demolition, and not when selling a building equipped with asbestos-containing products;*

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Katrin Langensiepen**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Cb.    whereas the European Social Pillar of Rights calls for a high level of protection of workers' health and safety at work, including from exposure to carcinogens and mutagens at the workplace; whereas the Pregnant Workers Directive (92/85/EEC) presents serious loopholes regarding the prevention from asbestos.***

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Dita Charanzová, Svenja Hahn, Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Jordi Cañas**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph -1 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***-1.    Welcomes the Commission's commitment to present a legal proposal to further reduce workers exposure to asbestos in 2022;***

Or. en

## Amendment 23

Dita Charanzová, Svenja Hahn, Vlad-Marius Botoș

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 1 – introductory part

##### *Draft opinion*

1. Calls on the Commission to bring forward, on the basis of Article 169(3) and Article 114(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, a legislative proposal **introducing** mandatory screening for the presence of asbestos in buildings **before their sale or rental and laying down minimum requirements for locating and identifying all materials containing asbestos in buildings constructed** before 2005, or the year in which the national ban on asbestos was introduced, under the following conditions:

##### *Amendment*

1. Calls on the Commission to **consider in addition** bringing forward, on the basis of Article 169(3) and Article 114(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, a legislative proposal **which introduces a** mandatory screening for the presence of asbestos in buildings **built** before 2005, or the year in which the national ban on asbestos was introduced, **before an initial sale or rental, and clear harmonised standards for locating and identifying all materials containing asbestos in buildings, while being socially fair and taking into consideration the owner of the buildings** under the following conditions:

Or. en

## Amendment 24

Salvatore De Meo, Romana Tomc

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 1 – introductory part

##### *Draft opinion*

1. Calls on the Commission to bring forward, on the basis of Article 169(3) and Article 114(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, a legislative proposal **introducing mandatory screening for the presence of asbestos in buildings before their sale or rental and laying down** minimum requirements for **locating and identifying all materials containing asbestos in** buildings constructed before 2005, or the year in which the national ban on asbestos

##### *Amendment*

1. Calls on the Commission to **consequently** bring forward **an initiative on the bases of the impact assessment, which could include**, on the basis of Article 169(3) and Article 114(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, a legislative proposal **for** minimum requirements for **screening of** buildings constructed before 2005, or the year in which the national ban on asbestos was introduced **for the presence of asbestos before their sale or rental taking into**

was introduced, *under* the following *conditions*:

*consideration* the following *elements*:

Or. en

## Amendment 25

Beata Mazurek

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 1 – introductory part

##### *Draft opinion*

1. Calls on the Commission to bring forward, on the basis of Article 169(3) and Article 114(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, a legislative proposal introducing mandatory screening for the presence of asbestos *in buildings before their sale or rental and laying down minimum requirements for locating and identifying all materials containing asbestos in* buildings constructed before 2005, or the year in which the national ban on asbestos was introduced, under the following conditions:

##### *Amendment*

1. Calls on the Commission to bring forward, on the basis of Article 169(3) and Article 114(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union *and taking into account existing national regulations*, a legislative proposal introducing mandatory screening for the presence of asbestos *following an in-depth analysis to determine the technical framework and conditions for monitoring the presence of asbestos in buildings; stresses that the monitoring should concern* buildings constructed before 2005 or the year in which the national ban on asbestos was introduced *and should be carried out* under the following conditions:

Or. pl

## Amendment 26

Katrin Langensiepen

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 1 – introductory part

##### *Draft opinion*

1. Calls on the Commission to bring forward, on the basis of Article 169(3) and Article 114(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, a legislative proposal introducing mandatory

##### *Amendment*

1. Calls on the Commission to bring forward, on the basis of Article 169(3) and Article 114(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, a legislative proposal introducing mandatory

screening for the presence of asbestos in buildings before their sale or rental **and laying** down minimum requirements for locating **and** identifying all materials containing asbestos in buildings constructed before 2005, or the year in which the national ban on asbestos was introduced, under the following conditions:

screening for the **owners of buildings in order to detect the** presence of asbestos in buildings before their sale or rental **but also prior to maintenance, renovation and demolition works; requires that this proposal lays** down minimum requirements for locating, identifying **and reporting** all materials containing asbestos in buildings constructed before 2005, or the year in which the national ban on asbestos was introduced, under the following conditions:

Or. en

#### **Amendment 27**

**Leszek Miller, Evelyne Gebhardt, Adriana Maldonado López, Maria Grapini, Brando Benifei, Alex Agius Saliba, Marc Angel**

#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 1 – point a**

#### *Draft opinion*

a. the screening shall consists of a diagnosis of the presence of asbestos and must be followed by action to reduce the risk posed by any asbestos detected;

#### *Amendment*

a. the screening shall consists of a diagnosis of the presence of asbestos **by a professional entity with appropriate qualifications and permits provided for by national and Union law** and must be followed by action to reduce the risk posed by any asbestos detected; **asbestos waste disposal must be strictly controlled;**

Or. en

#### **Amendment 28**

**Dita Charanzová, Svenja Hahn, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Jordi Cañas**

#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 1 – point a**

#### *Draft opinion*

a. the screening shall consists of a diagnosis of the presence of asbestos and

#### *Amendment*

a. the screening shall consists of a diagnosis of the presence of **any** asbestos

must be followed by **action** to reduce the risk posed by any asbestos detected;

**or the lack thereof** and must be followed by **recommendations on what actions are needed** to reduce the risk posed by any asbestos detected, **including if encapsulating or total removal is necessary**;

Or. en

**Amendment 29**  
**Salvatore De Meo, Romana Tomc**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 – point a**

*Draft opinion*

a. the screening shall consists of a diagnosis of the presence of asbestos and **must** be followed by **action** to reduce the risk posed by **any** asbestos **detected**;

*Amendment*

a. the screening shall consists of a diagnosis of the presence of asbestos and **should** be followed by **a proposal for actions to be undertaken in order** to reduce the risk posed by **detected** asbestos;

Or. en

**Amendment 30**  
**Anne-Sophie Pelletier**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 – point a**

*Draft opinion*

a. the screening shall **consists** of a diagnosis of the presence of asbestos and must be followed by action to reduce the risk posed by any asbestos detected;

*Amendment*

a. the screening shall **consist** of a diagnosis of the presence of asbestos and must be followed by action to reduce the risk posed by any asbestos detected, **using the best possible techniques**;

Or. fr

**Amendment 31**  
**Katrin Langensiepen**



**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 – point b**

*Draft opinion*

b. the screening shall be validated by an asbestos risk certificate detailing the areas screened and, where appropriate, the action taken to reduce the risk posed by asbestos;

*Amendment*

b. the screening shall be validated by an asbestos risk certificate detailing the areas screened, ***the nature of contamination, the quantity of asbestos containing materials estimated*** and, where appropriate, the action taken to reduce the risk posed by asbestos;

Or. en

**Amendment 32**  
**Dita Charanzová, Svenja Hahn, Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Jordi Cañas**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 – point b**

*Draft opinion*

b. the screening shall be validated by an asbestos ***risk*** certificate detailing the areas screened and, where appropriate, ***the action taken*** to reduce the risk posed by asbestos;

*Amendment*

b. the screening shall be validated by an asbestos certificate detailing the areas screened, ***the presence or lack thereof of any asbestos*** and, where appropriate, ***by recommendations on what actions are needed*** to reduce the risk posed by asbestos;

Or. en

**Amendment 33**  
**Salvatore De Meo, Romana Tomc**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 – point b**

*Draft opinion*

b. the screening ***shall*** be validated by an asbestos risk certificate detailing the

*Amendment*

b. the screening ***could*** be validated by an asbestos risk certificate detailing the

areas screened and, where appropriate, ***the action taken*** to reduce the risk posed by asbestos;

areas screened and, where appropriate, ***proposed actions*** to reduce the risk posed by asbestos;

Or. en

**Amendment 34**  
**Anne-Sophie Pelletier**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 – point c**

*Draft opinion*

c. the result of the screening must be communicated to a competent national body, which shall maintain a national register of asbestos risk reduction certificates and provide advice to owners;

*Amendment*

c. the result of the screening must be communicated to a competent national body, which shall maintain a national register of asbestos risk reduction certificates and provide advice to owners ***on the applicable laws and regulations, the correct and safe removal of asbestos detected and the financial support available;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 35**  
**Leszek Miller, Evelyne Gebhardt, Adriana Maldonado López, Maria Grapini, Brando Benifei, Alex Agius Saliba, Marc Angel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 – point c**

*Draft opinion*

c. the result of the screening must be communicated to a competent national body, which shall maintain a national register of asbestos risk reduction certificates and provide advice to owners;

*Amendment*

c. the result of the screening must be communicated to a competent national body, which shall maintain a national register of asbestos risk reduction certificates and provide advice to owners ***about applicable laws and regulation, the correct and safe removal of asbestos detected, and financial support available;***

Or. en

**Amendment 36**  
**Katrin Langensiepen**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 – point c**

*Draft opinion*

c. the result of the screening must be communicated to a competent national body, **which** shall maintain a national register of asbestos risk reduction certificates and provide advice to owners;

*Amendment*

c. the result of the screening must be communicated to a competent national body ***through a rapid and user-friendly alert system. This body*** shall maintain a national register of asbestos risk reduction certificates and provide advice to owners;

Or. en

**Amendment 37**  
**Salvatore De Meo, Romana Tomc**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 – point c**

*Draft opinion*

c. the result of the screening ***must*** be communicated to a competent national body, which shall maintain a national register of asbestos risk ***reduction*** certificates and provide advice to owners;

*Amendment*

c. the result of the screening ***should*** be communicated to a competent national body, which shall maintain a national register of ***possible*** asbestos risk certificates and provide advice to owners;

Or. en

**Amendment 38**  
**Christian Doleschal**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 – point c a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***ca. the Commission shall provide guidance to Member States on the design***

*of national asbestos registers in order to ensure the smooth functioning of the internal market;*

Or. en

**Amendment 39**  
**Anne-Sophie Pelletier**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 – point d**

*Draft opinion*

d. in order to protect users or occupants as effectively as possible, the screening must be carried out by qualified and certified operators in accordance with Directive 2009/148/EC;

*Amendment*

d. in order to protect users or occupants as effectively as possible, the screening must be carried out by qualified and certified operators in accordance with Directive 2009/148/EC ***and national law and practice and under the supervision of a competent national body;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 40**  
**Katrin Langensiepen**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 – point d**

*Draft opinion*

d. in order to protect users or occupants as effectively as possible, the screening must be carried out by qualified and certified operators in accordance with Directive 2009/148/EC;

*Amendment*

d. in order to protect users or occupants as effectively as possible, the screening ***and, when required, the removal*** must be carried out by qualified and certified operators in accordance with Directive 2009/148/EC;

Or. en

**Amendment 41**  
**Anne-Sophie Pelletier**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 – point e**

*Draft opinion*

e. the certificate shall be forwarded to the buyer before any sale, and made available to the lessor, as well as on request to professionals carrying out work in the building or to occupants/users.

*Amendment*

e. the certificate shall be forwarded to the buyer before any sale, and made available to the lessor, as well as on request to professionals carrying out work in the building or to occupants/users, ***and must contain the list of types of asbestos-containing materials detected, together with details of their exact location;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 42**  
**Salvatore De Meo, Romana Tomc**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 – point e**

*Draft opinion*

e. the certificate shall be forwarded to the buyer before any sale, and made available to the lessor, as well as on request to professionals carrying out work in the building ***or to occupants/users.***

*Amendment*

e. ***when applicable,*** the certificate shall be forwarded to the buyer before any sale, and made available to the lessor, as well as on request to professionals carrying out work in the building.

Or. en

**Amendment 43**  
**Dita Charanzová, Svenja Hahn, Vlad-Marius Botoș**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 – point e a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***ea. the certificate shall be valid for the lifetime of the building; the original certificate, which established the first screening for the presence of asbestos in***

*buildings, does not have to be renewed for each sale or rental; the original certificate shall be registered in a database and no further action shall be needed; the removal of asbestos shall be a one-time event that does not change with time; each new owner shall not be required to get a new certificate.*

Or. en

**Amendment 44**  
**Katrin Langensiepen**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 – point e a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*ea. effective, proportionate and dissuasive fines shall be established for owners of buildings who do not comply with their screening and reporting obligations to competent authorities; fines shall be allocated to ad hoc funds to finance the removal of asbestos and support the victims of asbestos related problems;*

Or. en

**Amendment 45**  
**Anne-Sophie Pelletier**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 – point e a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*ea. the certificate must be renewed after each sale or, at the latest, five years after it was issued, in order to update the diagnosis it contains;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 46**  
**Anne-Sophie Pelletier**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 – point e b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***eb. effective, proportionate and dissuasive fines shall be established for sellers and lessors of buildings who do not commission the prescribed screening and report the results thereof to the competent body or to buyers or lessees before selling or renting out the property;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 47**  
**Anne-Sophie Pelletier**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 – point e c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***ec. sellers or lessors of buildings shall be liable if they do not commission the mandatory screening and report the results thereof to the competent national body, the period of liability being 30 years;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 48**  
**Salvatore De Meo, Romana Tomc**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

***1a. Calls on the Commission to carry out an impact assessment addressing such issues as the best and most efficient methods for screen buildings for presence of asbestos, and methods to remove asbestos from buildings, taking into consideration the following aspects:***

- removal costs and possible influence on selling price of buildings (the mandatory training for workers, the use of the most up to date technologies, relocation of inhabitants in surroundings during dusty works)***
- minor works exemption;***
- adequate financial support for owners of buildings, including abandoned buildings, engaging in asbestos identification and removal;***

Or. en

**Amendment 49**

**Leszek Miller, Evelyn Gebhardt, Adriana Maldonado López, Maria Grapini, Brando Benifei, Marc Angel**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

***1a. Stresses that the planned update of provisions of directive 2009/148/EC on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to asbestos at work, as well as the new initiatives on the European and national asbestos removal strategies make a concrete contribution to the social dimension of the single market; calls on the Commission to ensure, that these initiatives will guarantee the well-functioning and sustainable development of SMEs and micro-enterprises and support them when implementing these***



*strategies;*

Or. en

**Amendment 50**  
**Katrin Langensiepen**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Calls on the Commission to establish a European framework for national asbestos removal plans, under which Member States should define and implement asbestos' removal targets for public and private buildings, establish one-stop-shops to centralise actions and information regarding asbestos removal plans, designate a national contact point to assist victims and their families and establish clear and efficient compensation mechanisms for the victims of asbestos related diseases;***

Or. en

**Amendment 51**  
**Beata Mazurek**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Considers that, once asbestos has been detected and after determining the risks it poses to residents, workers and the environment, the relevant national body should, in cooperation with the owner of the building, investigate the need for the asbestos to be removed; stresses that both the monitoring requirement and the removal of asbestos need appropriate***

*financial support from the EU budget;*

Or. pl

**Amendment 52**

**Dita Charanzová, Svenja Hahn, Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Jordi Cañas**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Calls on Member States to develop a list of certified operators, which shall be made available by the competent national body; the certified operator shall communicate the results of the screening to the owner in a certificate, which should be reported to a competent national body (a one-stop shop).***

Or. en

**Amendment 53**

**Anne-Sophie Pelletier**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Calls on the Commission to draw up within two years an inventory of best practices, covering both statutory obligations and financial incentives, in order to reduce the risk of exposure to asbestos for users and inhabitants of buildings;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 54**

**Leszek Miller, Evelyn Gebhardt, Adriana Maldonado López, Maria Grapini, Brando Benifei, Marc Angel**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1b. Welcomes the Commission's plan to strengthen Union measures for protecting workers from the threat of asbestos and to prevent the increment of asbestos victims in the course of the Union's building renovation wave; believes that renovation offers a unique opportunity to modernize housing infrastructure for the benefit of all consumers in the EU and to make it fit for a greener and digital society of Europe after the recovery from COVID-19 crisis;***

Or. en

**Amendment 55**

**Katrin Langensiepen**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1b. Highlights that the European framework for national asbestos removal plans should include the establishment of a European platform for national authorities to report the presence of asbestos in the view of mapping and exchanging good practices on its removal and safe disposals; Adds that this platform should be fully accessible to the general public and should include data reported in the national registers;***

Or. en

**Amendment 56**

**Dita Charanzová, Svenja Hahn, Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Jordi Cañas**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1b. Notes the additional administrative burden of such new requirements; encourages Member States to grant potential fund and financial support for owners of the buildings to undertake the significant costs induced by the screening for the presence of asbestos and avoid the risk of abandon of buildings; this could include funding for the purchase of a building by the Member States.***

Or. en

**Amendment 57**

**Salvatore De Meo, Romana Tomc**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1b. Calls on the Commission and Member States to take action in order to raise awareness about asbestos in buildings constructed before 2005, or the year in which the national ban on asbestos was introduced, and about a legal procedure for asbestos removal with regard to the inhabitants and proprietors perspective;***

Or. en

**Amendment 58**

**Beata Mazurek**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1b. Underlines that the proposed rules should take account of cost-effectiveness and the potential financial burden on building owners and thus possibly higher charges for the users of buildings which are subject to monitoring requirements;***

Or. pl

**Amendment 59**

**Leszek Miller, Evelyne Gebhardt, Adriana Maldonado López, Maria Grapini, Brando Benifei, Alex Agius Saliba, Marc Angel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1c. Stresses that the provisions of Union law on market surveillance and compliance of products should be used to prevent the use and illegal placement of asbestos on the internal market and highlights in this regard the importance of digitalisation of registers of buildings containing asbestos and the facilitation of data sharing between the construction sector, financial institutions and public authorities; recalls that strengthening efforts to keep non-compliant products, also containing asbestos, from the Union market was identified as a priority in the Commission's communication of 28 October 2015 "Upgrading the Single Market: more opportunities for people and business";***

Or. en

**Amendment 60**  
**Beata Mazurek**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1c. Calls on the Commission to draw up a programme of financial support for Member State actions aimed at removing and safely disposing of asbestos, including information and education activities, given the negative impact of asbestos on people's health and the considerable cost of detecting and removing it;***

Or. pl

**Amendment 61**  
**Dita Charanzová, Svenja Hahn, Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Jordi Cañas**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1c. Calls on the Commission to take into account in its proposal specificities of SMEs; insists on the need to develop standardisation process to remove asbestos fibres to reduce the burden of the procedure and ease administrative burden on companies, especially for SMEs.***

Or. en

**Amendment 62**  
**Salvatore De Meo, Romana Tomc**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1c. Underlines that special attention has to be paid to the abandoned buildings and facilities that may as well contain asbestos and calls on the Commission and Member States to find a viable solution for their inclusion in national registers of asbestos.***

Or. en

**Amendment 63**  
**Katrin Langensiepen**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1c. Highlights that building owners should have the possibility to access financial support mechanisms, including through Union funds, for financing maintenance, renovation and demolition works related to the removal of asbestos;***

Or. en

**Amendment 64**  
**Dita Charanzová, Svenja Hahn, Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Jordi Cañas**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1d. Calls Member States for accompanying measures for SMEs; insists on the need to facilitate their work on the implementation of regulations related to asbestos, notably through guidance on the best practices to***

*implement; encourages Member States to launch awareness-raising campaigns accompanying measures for SMEs; insists that the transition toward a European Union free of asbestos should be socially fair and include support for private owners and SMEs;*

Or. en

**Amendment 65**

**Leszek Miller, Evelyne Gebhardt, Adriana Maldonado López, Maria Grapini, Brando Benifei, Alex Agius Saliba, Marc Angel**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1d. Underlines that currently Member States can allocate European Structural and Investment Funds for handling and removal of asbestos in line with the objectives of the respective national or regional programmes; stresses within this context the unique opportunities given in this regard by the Green Deal, the Next Generation EU and the 2021-27 Multiannual Financial Framework;*

Or. en

**Amendment 66**

**Katrin Langensiepen**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1d. Stresses that national asbestos removal plans should prioritise certain buildings, such as schools, gyms and social housing, and be subject to regular*



*evaluations and reviews;*

Or. en

**Amendment 67**  
**Katrin Langensiepen**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 e (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1e. Calls on the Member States to enhance market surveillance activities, including labour inspections, in order to increase the level of safety;***

Or. en

**Amendment 68**  
**Dita Charanzová, Svenja Hahn, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Jordi Cañas**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 e (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1e. Encourages Member States to keep a register of all recognised cases of asbestos-related occupational diseases.***

Or. en

**Amendment 69**  
**Katrin Langensiepen**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 f (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1f. Calls on the Commission and on the Member States to promote public***

*information campaigns, in order to raise awareness on the risks related to all varieties of asbestos and to all level of exposure, including secondary exposure;*

Or. en

**Amendment 70**

**Dita Charanzová, Svenja Hahn, Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Jordi Cañas**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 f (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1f. Calls on Member States to facilitate the free of charge access of this register for owners, buyers, renters, workers and SMEs; the certificate shall be annexed to the sale agreement and shall be made available to the tenants.***

Or. en

**Amendment 71**

**Katrin Langensiepen**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 g (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1g. Calls on the Commission to come up with an ambitious revision of the Pregnant Workers Directive (92/85/EEC) which should include measures to avoid exposure also during the early weeks of gestation.***

Or. en

**Amendment 72**

**Dita Charanzová, Svenja Hahn, Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Jordi Cañas**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 g (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1g. Encourages Member States cooperate on the development of coordinated registration systems and databases and to share good practises related to asbestos issue in the single market.***

Or. en