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On July 12, 1989, EPA issued a final rule banning most asbestos-containing products. In 1991, this regulation was overturned by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans. As a result of the Court's decision, the following specific asbestos-containing products remain banned: flooring felt, rollboard, and corrugated, commercial, or specialty paper. In addition, the regulation continues to ban the use of asbestos in products that have not historically contained asbestos, otherwise referred to as "new uses" of asbestos. Below are the four relevant Federal Register notices and a document that provides more detail on the status of EPA's ban on asbestos-containing products.

[Asbestos: Manufacture, Importation, Processing, and Distribution in Commerce Prohibitions; Final Rule \(54 FR 29460, July 12, 1989\) \(FRL-3476-2\) \[PDF\]](#)

[Asbestos; Manufacture, Importation, Processing and Distribution Prohibitions; Effect of Court Decision; Continuing Restrictions on Certain Asbestos-Containing Products \(57 FR 11364, April 2, 1992\) \(FRL-4044-2\) \[PDF\]](#)

[Asbestos; Manufacture, Importation, Processing and Distribution Prohibitions; Continuing Restrictions on Certain Asbestos-Containing Products \(58 FR 58964, November 5, 1993\) \(FRL-4635-7\) \[PDF\]](#)

[Technical Amendment in Response to Court Decision on Asbestos; Manufacture, Importation, Processing and Distribution Prohibitions; Technical Amendment \(59 FR 33208, June 28, 1994\) \(FRL-4776-7\) \[PDF\]](#)

[EPA Asbestos Materials Ban \(ABPO Rule\): Clarification \[PDF\] - May, 1999](#)

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