



January 14, 2026

Subject: Information regarding the importation and availability of Har-Tru products in Canada

Dear Sir or Madam,

This letter follows the concerns raised to Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) with the potential presence in concentration above trace level of asbestos in green Har-Tru clay products, such as “Har-Tru tennis court surfacing with binder” and “Har-Tru coarse blend” used on clay tennis courts. These products have been subject to inspections pursuant to the *Prohibition of Asbestos and Products Containing Asbestos Regulations* in recent months. Following analysis of this issue, ECCC’s Environmental Enforcement Directorate has implemented a series of measures to closely monitor imports of these products into Canada and verify their compliance with federal regulations.

ECCC’s Environmental Enforcement Directorate will continue to monitor the situation, and although the measures focus more on verifying future imports, it is possible that ECCC enforcement officers may visit you in the future to conduct additional verifications to ensure that the products comply with federal regulations, as these products are used by several municipalities and tennis clubs in Canada. In the event of non-compliance with federal regulations, ECCC’s Environmental Enforcement Directorate will take appropriate action in accordance with the [Compliance and enforcement policy for the Canadian Environmental Protection Act](#).

Please find below information on the federal regulations applicable to this situation, useful resources to help you understand the regulations, and general information on asbestos.

Information on the *Prohibition of Asbestos and Asbestos-Containing Products Regulations*

The [Prohibition of Asbestos and Products Containing Asbestos Regulations](#) came into force on December 30, 2018. These regulations are made under the [Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999](#) and are intended to protect Canadians from the risks of exposure to asbestos.

The regulations prohibit:

- the import, sale, and use of treated asbestos fibers;
- the import, sale, use, and manufacture of:
 - o products (including consumer products) containing treated asbestos fibers, **in any quantity**;
 - o consumer products containing naturally occurring asbestos in **quantities greater than trace amounts** (see: [Trace amounts of asbestos in consumer products: guidance - Canada.ca](#))

The regulations provide for a limited number of exemptions. These exemptions do not apply to tennis courts. Similarly, certain circumstances allow for the issuance of permits, but these do not apply in this context either. The official version of the Regulations can be found on the website of the Department of Justice Canada by following [this link](#).

Please also note that the [Export of Substances on the Export Control List Regulations](#) prohibit the export of all forms of asbestos, whether contained in a product or not, with a few exceptions. If you have any questions on this subject, please contact: sec-ecs@ec.gc.ca.

Additional resources

ECCC remains available to answer any questions you may have about the federal regulations, please contact: amiante-asbestos@ec.gc.ca.

Here are some links to Government of Canada resources:

- [Information on the Prohibition of Asbestos and Products Containing Asbestos Regulations - Canada.ca](#)
- [Asbestos - Canada.ca](#)
- [Asbestos and your health - Canada.ca](#)
- [Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety](#)

For all questions related to public health, please contact your local public health authorities.

Thank you for your cooperation.