

VIETNAM CSOs & MOH STRUGGLING FOR ASBESTOS BAN 2020

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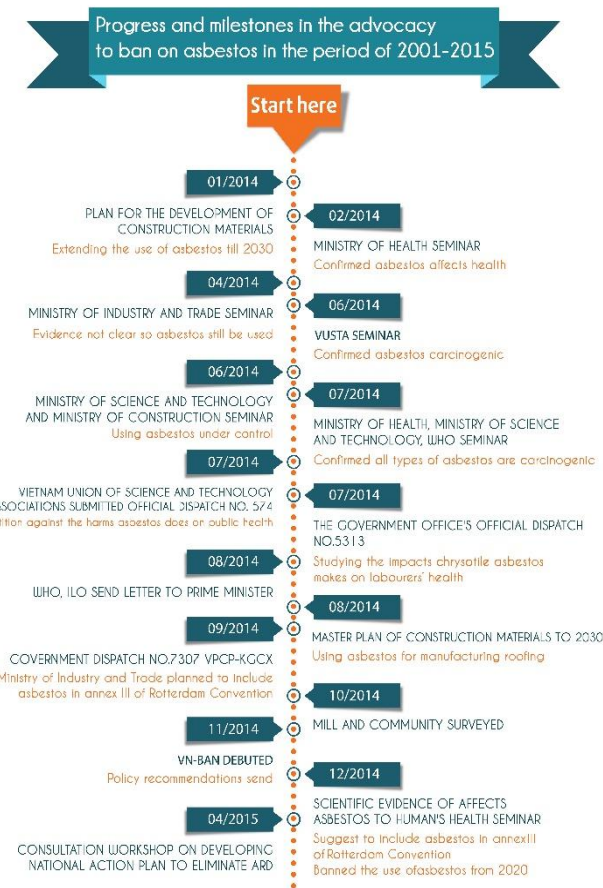
Before 2014 context

- 2001: Set Chrysotile Asbestos Ban in 2004
- 2004: Moved to 2010
- 2008: Moved to 2020
- 12/2013: moved to 2030 (*National plan of development of construction materials- Ministry of Construction*)
- 5/2013: Objected listing (*at Rotterdam COP6*)

Key lobbyists: Vietnam Roof Sheet Association + International Lobbyists from Russia, Switzerland, Canada, India...

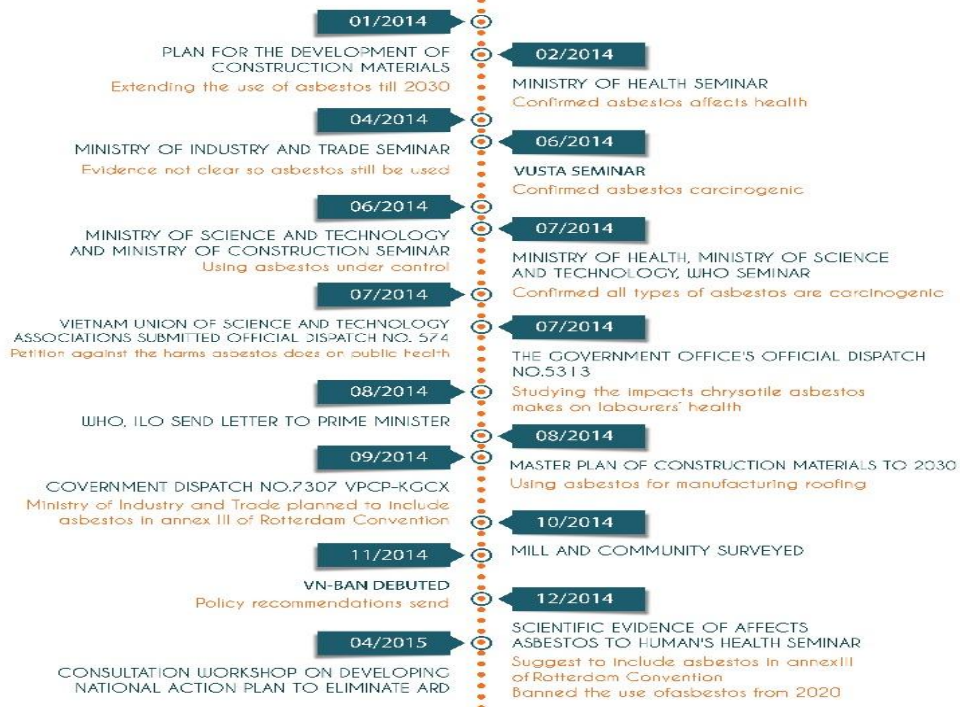
2014 - Struggling for asbestos ban 2020

- Ministry of Health → Prime Minister's Office
- CSOs: Think tanks & NGOs
 - NGO information Center (NGOIC)
 - Vietnam Standard & consumers Association (VINASTAS)
 - Chemical Society of Vietnam (CSV)
 - Research & Training Center for Community Development (RTCCD)
 - Evidence-Based Health Policy Advocacy network (EBHPD)
 - Vietnam Occupational safety & Health Association (VOSHA)
 - Vietnam Ban Asbestos Network (Vn-BAN)
- News Agencies
- WHO, ILO, APHEDA (*Australian People for Health, Education and Development Abroad*)...



Progress and milestones in the advocacy to ban on asbestos in the period of 2001-2015

Start here



GOVERNMENT DISPATCH No.7307/VPCP-KGVX

Ref. Assessment and control of the harmful effects of chrysotile asbestos

The Ministry of Industry and Trade:

1

Report to the Prime Minister on Vietnam's plan not to object to the inclusion of chrysotile asbestos into the Annex III of Rotterdam Convention before November 30th, 2014.

Ministry of Construction :

2

- Research and design a detailed roadmap to ban the use of chrysotile asbestos in roof sheet production by the year 2020.
- Report to the Prime Minister on making revisions to chrysotile asbestos-related issues in the plan for the development of construction materials in Vietnam by the year 2020 along with a vision for the plan to 2030.

Ministry of Health, in collaboration with the Ministry of Science and Technology:

3

- Develop a national action plan on the elimination of asbestos-related diseases.
- Conduct research on the long-term effects of chrysotile asbestos on the people's health in Vietnam.
- Develop methods to diminish the harmful effects to the people and environment of Vietnam.

VIETNAM CSOs AND ASBESTOS BAN BY 2020



Vn-BAN



Strategies 2015-2020

- Goal: Ban Chrysotile Asbestos 2020
- Strategies:
 - Strictly monitoring implementation of Circular 7307/VPCP-KGVX by CSOs (Vn-BAN) & National Assembly
 - Building COMMUNITIES SAY NO ASBESTOS
 - CSOs Regional and International collaboration: T-BAN, A-BAN, ROCA, IPEN, BAN,..

PROJECT “COMMUNITIES SAY NO TO ASBESTOS”

Objective

To develop and sustain “Communities say NO to asbestos” to support the implementation of Vietnam Government direction in the letter 7307/VPCP-KGVX and Vietnam Government's commitment to international community to prohibit the use of Chrysotile Asbestos by 2020.

Milestones:

Phase 1, from 2015 to 2016: 30 communes

Phase 2, from 2017 to 2018: 150 communes

Phase 3, from 2018 to 2020: 300 communes

Phase 4, from 2020 to 2030: 3.815 communes

Phase 5, from 2030 onwards: nationwide

PROJECT “COMMUNITIES SAY NO TO ASBESTOS”

Beneficiaries

People and households of 3,815 communes, wards and towns in disadvantaged areas (in accordance with Decision 1409/QD-TTg)

People and households in the areas affected by natural disaster and flood, and mountainous areas.

PROJECT “COMMUNITIES SAY NO TO ASBESTOS”

Main activities

1. Communication and raise public awareness about the harm of asbestos and the preventive measures (as recommended by WHO, Ministry of Health of Vietnam)
2. Develop and implement the following solutions:
 1. Finance: Create a loan pool for procurement of non-asbestos products, provide financial support to procurement and use of safe and substitute roofing sheets.
 2. Environment: Manage asbestos waste and gather asbestos waste in safe places.
 3. Health care: Support early detection of diseases for people with exposure to asbestos to enable access to National program on elimination of asbestos-related diseases.

5-STEP MODEL

Community says “No” to Asbestos

