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# Asbestos-cement slates and sheets

## Part 2. Specification for asbestos-cement and cellulose-asbestos-cement flat sheets

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Ardoises et plaques en amiante-ciment

Partie 2. Spécification pour plaques planes en amiante-ciment et amiante-ciment-cellulose

Asbestzementtafel und -platten

Teil 2. Spezifikation für Asbestzement- und Zellulose-Asbestzement-Flachplatten

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Foreword

This revision of this Part of BS 690 was prepared under the direction of the Fibre Reinforced Cement Products Standards Committee, following the publication of ISO 396-1980 by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

The principal changes in this British Standard are as follows.

- (a) The technical requirements for asbestos-cement sheets have been brought into line with those specified in ISO/396/1.
- (b) Cellulose-asbestos-cement sheets have been included. The technical requirements for these sheets are taken from ISO 396/3.
- (c) All sizes of sheet may be supplied. The former imperial sizes have been given as metric equivalents.

(d) Semi-compressed sheets are now designated category 1 and fully compressed sheets category 2, as opposed to Type 2 and Type 1 respectively in previous standards.

(e) Tests for watertightness and frost resistance are no longer mandatory, since it has been found that sheets complying with the requirements for density and bending strength are weatherproof.

The Technical Committee decided to retain BS 4624, which gives test methods for asbestos-cement building products as a separate standard. With the publication of this Part of BS 690, BS 690 : Part 1 : 1963, BS 690 : Part 2 : 1971 and BS 4036 : 1966 are withdrawn.

Appendix A gives recommendations for acceptance test procedures.



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### Foreword

After the existing text, add the following:

'The manufacture of all asbestos based products is covered by the requirements of the Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations 1987, introduced on 1 March 1988. These set out comprehensive provisions covering work activities involving exposure to asbestos. Advice on how to comply with these regulations can be obtained from the manufacturers of the material, from the Asbestos Information Centre, St. Andrew's House, 22-28 High Street, Epsom, Surrey KT19 8AH, from the local area office of the Health and Safety Executive or from the Environmental Health Department of the Local Authority.

### Warning

Breathing asbestos dust is dangerous to health and precautions have to be taken during the manufacture and use of these products.

Particular note has to be taken of the Asbestos Products (Safety) Regulations 1985, made under the Consumer Safety Act 1978 and of the Asbestos (Prohibitions) Regulations 1985\* made under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, which prohibit the supply of products containing amosite or crocidolite and set out requirements for the labelling of all products containing asbestos.

All the above legislation implements EEC Directives.

**Compliance with a British Standard does not of itself confer immunity from legal obligations.'**

At the foot of the inside front cover, insert the following:

'\*Parallel regulations for Northern Ireland came into force on 6 March 1986.'

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### Clause 3. Composition

In line 5, after 'cellulose fibres' insert '(except fibres of crocidolite and amosite, which are not permitted)'.