

Result of the Medical Judgment Concerning Acknowledgment of Designated Diseases under the Act on Asbestos Health Damage Relief (October 23rd 2012)

On October 23rd 2012, the Minister of the Environment conducted medical judgment on cases filed by the Environmental Restoration and Conservation Agency of Japan (ERCA) based on the Act on Asbestos Health Damage Relief, and gave notice of results to ERCA.

Totally 127 cases were judged. Among them, 56 cases were certified, which contracted a designated disease caused by asbestos (49 with malignant mesothelioma (MM), 6 with lung cancer (LC), 1 with lung asbestosis with heavy respiratory dysfunction (LA), 0 with diffuse pleural thickenings with heavy respiratory dysfunction (DPT))* . 7 cases were certified, which died before application for relief based on the law (5 with MM, 2 with LC, 0 with LA, 0 with DPT)*. And no case was certified, which died before the enforcement of this act.

* The cumulative total: 4,402 cases were judged to have contracted designated diseases as defined by the act. 400 cases were judged to have contracted designated diseases, which died before the application for relief based on the law. 153 cases were judged to have contracted designated diseases by asbestos, which died before the enforcement of this act.