

Result of the Medical Judgment Concerning Acknowledgment of Designated Diseases under the Act on Asbestos Health Damage Relief.(April 3rd 2012)

On April 3rd 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 result to ERCA.

Totally 133 cases were judged. Among them, 65 cases were certified, that he/she had contracted a designated disease caused by asbestos (58 with malignant mesothelioma (MM), 7 with lung cancer (LC), 0 with lung asbestosis with heavy respiratory dysfunction (LA), 0 with diffuse pleural thickenings with heavy respiratory dysfunction (DPT))* . 8 cases were certified, that died before application for relief based on the law (5 with MM, 3 with LC, 0 with LA, 0 with DPT)* . And no case was certified, that died before the enforcement of this act.

* The cumulative total: 4,029 cases were judged to have contracted designated diseases as defined by the act. 337 cases were judged to have contracted designated diseases, that died before the application for relief based on the law. 150 cases were judged to have contracted designated diseases by asbestos, that died before the enforcement of this act.