

UNDER DECLARATION OF MESOTHELIOMA IN FRANCE TO THE FIVA (FONDS D'INDEMNISATION DES VICTIMES DE L'AMIANTE)



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INTRODUCTION

The FIVA, established in France following the asbestos scandal - article 53 of the 2001 social security financing law - has the mission of ensuring full compensation for the losses suffered by the victims (and their heirs) of an asbestos-related disease in France. Here, we present the claims for compensation, the diseases compensated in 2022 and the changes since the creation of the FIVA.



METHODS

Statistics from the FIVA business software. Consideration of data concerning diseases, victims' characteristics, reparation amounts paid. Highlighting of evolutionary trends.



RESULTS

Since the creation of the FIVA, more than 100,000 victims have filed a claim for compensation. Cumulative expenditure amounts to nearly 7 billion euros, including 265 million euros in 2022. For the first time since the creation of the FIVA, victims suffering from "serious" diseases (cancers including mesotheliomas) represented the majority (62%) among the new asbestos victims. These "serious" pathologies have doubled since 2007; 3/4 of the patients are compensated for occupational diseases. The average age is 70 years (74 years for mesothelioma). The geographical distribution of the victims is very uneven.



CONCLUSION

The number of asbestos victims applying to FIVA remains high but shows a slight decrease since 2016 (with a peak in 2015 - 20339 claims). On the other hand, percentages of claims for asbestos-related cancers or mesotheliomas are increasing. However, not all victims of asbestos-related diseases file claims for compensation. For example, the number of mesotheliomas in France was estimated at 1,100 (PNSM) per year, whereas only 593 victims filed a claim with the FIVA in 2022. A better information on the possibilities of compensation by the FIVA is crucial to promote access to rights for asbestos victims.

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→ DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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