

## **Cancerous diseases of the upper respiratory tract caused by dust from wood**

### **Definition of causal agent**

Dusts (untreated or treated) from hard and softwood species, including plywood.

Hardwoods (especially oak and beech) appear to be more carcinogenic.

### ***Main occupational uses and sources of exposure:***

Sawing, milling, planing, sanding and other working of wood.

### **Malignant effects**

8. *Nasal or sinonasal squamous- and adeno-carcinoma.*

*Minimum intensity of exposure:* unknown

*Minimum duration of exposure:* 10 years

*Maximum latent period:* 20 years

For other non-malignant effects from wood dust, see Annex I entry nr. 304.06 on *Allergic asthmas caused by the inhalation of substances consistently recognised as causing allergies and inherent to the type of work* and Annex I entry nr. 304.07 on *Allergic rhinitis caused by the inhalation of substances consistently recognised as causing allergies and inherent to the type of the work.*