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Rainer Marutsky, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Marutsky:

Thank you for your request to use the European test method, EN 717-2 (Gas Analysis), as an alternative small scale test method for manufacturers conducting quality control testing of formaldehyde emissions from composite wood products. Upon review of the data you submitted in your request, staff have recommended that EN 717-2 be accepted as an alternate quality control test method for hardwood plywood (HWPW), particleboard (PB), and medium density fiberboard (MDF). On behalf of our Executive Officer, James N. Goldstene, we hereby approve your request.

We will add EN 717-2 to our composite wood products website, as an approved alternate small-scale quality control test method for HWPW, PB, and MDF for use by any manufacturer.

If you need further assistance, please contact Mr. Jeffery Williams, Air Pollution Specialist, Substance Evaluation Section, at (916) 327-0647.

Sincerely,

/s/

Robert Fletcher, Chief
Stationary Source Division

cc: Jeffery R. Williams, Ph.D.
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The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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