

Release of U.S. EPA Formaldehyde Regulation - Update for Interested Stakeholders

On December 12, 2016, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) regulation to reduce formaldehyde emissions from composite wood products was finalized and published in the Federal Register of Rules and Regulations. Starting on February 10, 2017, accreditation bodies and third party certifiers can apply to U.S. EPA for approval. All regulatory provisions and requirements take effect on December 12, 2017, one year after the regulation was published. A link to the U.S. EPA regulation is attached below. Note that the Federal Register document starts on page 89674 with preamble and background information; the regulation text starts on page 89724.

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) Airborne Toxic Control Measure to Reduce Formaldehyde Emissions From Composite Wood Products (ATCM) remains fully in effect. CARB staff plans to provide guidance to the regulated community regarding how the U.S. EPA and CARB rules interact.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/12/12/2016-27987/formaldehyde-emission-standards-for-composite-wood-products>

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