

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

EXECUTIVE ORDER W-15-037A

Relating to ARB Approval of Third Party Certifiers under
Section 93120.4, title 17, California Code of Regulations

Certification Services International, LLC (CSI)

WHEREAS, the Air Resources Board (ARB) has adopted the "Airborne Toxic Control Measure to Reduce Formaldehyde Emissions from Composite Wood Products" (the "ATCM"; title 17, California Code of Regulations, sections 93120-93120.12), which establishes formaldehyde emission standards for composite wood products;

WHEREAS, section 93120.3(b) of the ATCM requires that manufacturers of composite wood products must verify compliance with the formaldehyde emission standards by using a third party certifier approved by ARB;

WHEREAS, the ATCM requires third party certifiers to: 1) verify the accuracy of the emission test procedures and facilities used by composite wood product manufacturers to conduct formaldehyde emission tests; 2) monitor manufacturer quality assurance programs; and 3) provide independent audits and inspections;

WHEREAS, section 93120.4 of the ATCM sets forth the process for the ARB Executive Officer to approve third party certifiers;

WHEREAS, section 93120.4(b)(1) of the ATCM requires that applications to become ARB-approved third party certifiers must be submitted to the Executive Officer in writing and must contain: 1) evidence of actual field experience in the verification of laboratories and wood products, to demonstrate how applicants will be able to competently perform the requirements for third party certifiers of composite wood products listed in section 93120.12, Appendix 3, of the ATCM; 2) evidence of the ability to properly train and supervise inspectors; 3) evidence of a current "product certification agency" accreditation; and 4) a list of the composite wood products that the applicant is applying to verify and evidence that the applicant is qualified to verify these products;

WHEREAS, Certification Services International, LLC (CSI or the "applicant") submitted an original application dated January 18, 2011, which was deemed complete on April 13, 2011;

WHEREAS, section 93120.4(b)(4) of the ATCM provides that the Executive Officer shall approve the application and issue an Executive Order if the evidence submitted by the applicant is sufficient to demonstrate that the applicant can competently perform the tasks specified in section 93120.12, Appendix 3, of the ATCM;

WHEREAS, CSI was issued Executive Order W-11-037, signed on April 29, 2011, listing Beijing Institute of Products Quality Supervision and Inspection, as their sole subcontractor that would provide accredited laboratory services;

WHEREAS, CSI submitted a request and supplementary documentation on August 29, 2011, for approval of The Wood and Wooden Product Testing Center of Nanjing Forestry University as a subcontractor that would also provide accredited laboratory services for CSI;

WHEREAS, CSI's Executive Order W-11-037 was superseded by Executive Order W-11-037A, signed on September 1, 2011;

WHEREAS, section 93120.4(b)(4) of the ATCM allows ARB-approved third party certifiers to apply for re-approval to ARB by submitting an updated application;

WHEREAS, CSI submitted an updated application for re-approval to ARB on March 21, 2013;

WHEREAS, CSI indicated that they no longer use the Beijing Institute of Products Quality Supervision and Inspection as a contract laboratory and requested that this laboratory be removed from their Executive Order;

WHEREAS, the updated application for re-approval from CSI was deemed complete on May 7, 2013, and CSI was issued Executive Order W-13-037, signed on May 8, 2013;

WHEREAS, CSI submitted an updated application for re-approval to ARB, received on March 30, 2015, deemed complete on May 1, 2015, and CSI was issued Executive Order W-15-037, signed on May 29, 2015;

WHEREAS, CSI submitted a request and supplementary documentation to ARB on June 29, 2015, for approval to use the Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM) as a subcontract laboratory to provide accredited laboratory services to CSI;

WHEREAS, the request and supplementary documentation indicate that the applicant has a contractual agreement with FRIM and that FRIM possesses the necessary qualifications to provide accredited laboratory services for CSI including initial (qualifying) and subsequent (verification) testing for manufacturers of composite wood products;

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to approve CSI's request to add FRIM as a subcontractor to provide accredited testing services, and it is appropriate that Executive Order W-15-037 be superseded by this Executive Order W-15-037A.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that CSI is hereby approved as a third party certifier and is issued the following number designating them as an ARB-approved third party certifier: **TPC-37**.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that CSI is an ARB-approved third party certifier for the following composite wood products: Hardwood Plywood, Particleboard, and Medium Density Fiberboard.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that this approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. CSI must provide their ARB-approved third party certifier number to each manufacturer it has subcontracted with for services, as specified in section 93120.12, Appendix 3, of the ATCM.
2. CSI must ensure that the subcontractor laboratories listed in Attachment A participate in an inter-laboratory comparison of their primary and/or secondary chamber facilities.
3. If CSI wishes to use a subcontractor other than those listed in Attachment A, then CSI must submit a request to the Executive Officer in writing and must provide evidence to demonstrate that the subcontractor can competently perform the tasks for which it is employed. CSI shall not use the subcontractor unless the Executive Officer approves the request in writing.
4. CSI shall immediately notify the Executive Officer if any accreditation or certification provided in support of their initial application is renewed, allowed to expire, or revoked within the duration of this Executive Order.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that this Executive Order W-15-037A supersedes Executive Order W-15-037, which was issued on May 29, 2015;

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that this Executive Order shall have a duration of two years from the date Executive Order W-15-037 was executed; within 120 days prior to the expiration of this Executive Order, the third party certifier may apply for re-approval by submitting an updated application to the Executive Officer as provided in section 93120.4 of the ATCM.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Executive Officer may review and, for good cause, modify or revoke this Executive Order as provided in section 93120.4(d) of the ATCM. The Executive Officer shall not modify or revoke this Executive

Order without affording the third party certifier the opportunity for a hearing in accordance with the procedures specified in title 17, California Code of Regulations, section 60055.1 et seq.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the third party certifier must maintain records in electronic or hard copy form for two years, for review by ARB upon request, as specified in section 93120.12, Appendix 3, of the ATCM.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that on or before March 1 of each year, the third party certifier must provide an annual report to ARB for the previous calendar year, as specified in section 93120.12, Appendix 3, of the ATCM.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the third party certifier must notify the Executive Officer in writing within 30 days of any change in their ability to carry out the responsibilities of this Executive Order.

Executed at Sacramento, California this 8th day of July, 2015.



Peggy Taricco, Acting Chief
Emissions Assessment Branch
Transportation and Toxics Division

Attachment A

List of Subcontractors for Certification Services International, LLC (CSI)
Under Executive Order W-15-037A

Company Name	Contact Information	Subcontractor Function
Wood & Wooden Product Testing Center, Nanjing Forestry University 159 Longpan Road Nanjing, Jiangsu, China	Ben Vaughn CSI ben.vaughn@certificationservices.co	Accredited Laboratory
Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM) Wood Composite Testing Laboratory 52109 Kepong Selangor, Malaysia	Ben Vaughn CSI ben.vaughn@certificationservices.co	Accredited Laboratory