

State of California  
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

**EXECUTIVE ORDER W-15-013**

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

**SP Technical Research Institute of Sweden (SP TRI)**

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, SP Technical Research Institute of Sweden (SP TRI or the "applicant") submitted an original application dated July 8, 2008, and deemed complete on November 3, 2008;

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, SP TRI was issued Executive Order W-08-013, signed on November 7, 2008;

WHEREAS, SP TRI submitted a request and supplementary documentation to ARB on April 9, 2010, for approval of VTT Expert Services, Ltd., as a subcontractor to provide accredited inspection agency services for SP TRI;

WHEREAS, SP TRI was issued Executive Order W-08-013A, signed on May 11, 2010, listing VTT Expert Services, Ltd., as a subcontractor to provide accredited inspection agency services;

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

WHEREAS, SP TRI submitted an updated application for re-approval to ARB on November 1, 2010, including VTT Expert Services, Ltd., as a subcontractor to provide accredited inspection agency services;

WHEREAS, the updated application for re-approval from SP TRI was deemed complete on December 9, 2010, and SP TRI was issued Executive Order W-10-013, signed on December 22, 2010;

WHEREAS, SP TRI submitted a request to ARB on September 17, 2012, for approval of Orebro University Hospital as a subcontractor to provide accredited laboratory analyses for SP TRI;

WHEREAS, SP TRI was issued Executive Order W-10-013A, signed on October 4, 2012, listing Orebro University Hospital as a subcontractor to provide accredited laboratory analyses;

WHEREAS, SP TRI submitted an updated application for re-approval to ARB on December 18, 2012, which was deemed complete on February 15, 2013, and SP TRI was issued Executive Order W-13-013, signed on February 22, 2013;

WHEREAS, SP TRI submitted a request to ARB on October 15, 2013, for approval of Inspecta Sertfionti Oy as a subcontractor for inspection services;

WHEREAS, SP TRI was issued Executive Order W-13-013A, signed on December 31, 2013, listing Inspecta Sertfionti Oy as a subcontractor for inspection services;

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2014, SP TRI submitted a request and supplementary documentation to ARB for approval to use Turk Standartlari Enstitusu as a subcontractor for inspection services;

WHEREAS, the request and supplementary documentation indicate that Turk Standartlari Enstitusu possesses the necessary qualifications to provide inspection services for manufacturers of composite wood products;

WHEREAS, SP TRI was issued Executive Order W-13-013B, signed on July 7, 2014, listing Turk Standartlari Enstitusu as a subcontractor for inspection services;

WHEREAS, SP TRI submitted an updated application for re-approval to ARB on March 27, 2015, which was deemed complete on July 9, 2015;

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer finds that the complete, updated application for re-approval demonstrated the third party certifier's ability to continue to comply with section 93120.4(b)(1); and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer approved SP TRI's request for re-approval, and it is appropriate that Executive Order W-13-013B be superseded by this Executive Order W-15-013;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that SP TRI is hereby approved to continue providing services as a third party certifier and shall continue to use the following number designating them as an ARB-approved third party certifier:  
**TPC-13.**

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that SP TRI 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. SP TRI 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. SP TRI must participate in an inter-laboratory study of their primary and/or secondary chamber facilities.
3. If SP TRI wishes to use another subcontracted inspection agency or laboratory other than those listed in Attachment A, SP TRI 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. SP TRI shall not use the subcontractor unless the Executive Officer approves the request in writing.

4. SP TRI 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-15-013 supersedes Executive Order W-13-013B, which was issued on July 7, 2014;

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that this Executive Order shall have a duration of two years from the date that it 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.

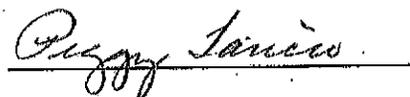
BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Executive Officer may review and, for good cause, modify or revoke this Executive Order as provided in section 93120.4(d) of the ATCM. The Executive Officer shall not modify or revoke this Executive Order without affording the third party certifier the opportunity for a 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.



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

## Attachment A

List of Subcontractors for SP TRI (TPC-13)  
Under Executive Order W-15-013

Company Name	Contact Information	Subcontractor Function
VTT Expert Services, Ltd.	Rauno Pyykko SP TRI <a href="mailto:rauno.pyykko@sp.se">rauno.pyykko@sp.se</a>	Accredited Inspection Services
Orebro University Hospital	Rauno Pyykko SP TRI <a href="mailto:rauno.pyykko@sp.se">rauno.pyykko@sp.se</a>	Accredited Laboratory Analyses
Inspecta Serffionti Oy	Rauno Pyykko SP TRI <a href="mailto:rauno.pyykko@sp.se">rauno.pyykko@sp.se</a>	Accredited Inspection Services
Turk Standartlari Enstitusu	Rauno Pyykko SP TRI <a href="mailto:rauno.pyykko@sp.se">rauno.pyykko@sp.se</a>	Accredited Inspection Services