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Re: PS 1 exemption from the California formaldehyde emissions requirements

To whom it may concern:

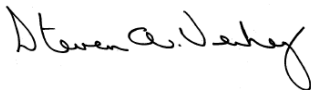
Structural wood panels, qualified to the US Department of Commerce's Voluntary Product Standards PS 1 (Structural Plywood) are exempt from the requirement to be certified to the *California Airborne Toxic Control Measure to Reduce Formaldehyde Emission from Composite Wood Products* (ATCM), known to the wood products business as the "CARB regulation" etc..

Section 93120.1 (8) of the ATCM clearly states that:

... "Composite wood products" does not include hardboard, structural plywood as specified in the Voluntary Product Standard – Structural Plywood (PS 1-07), structural panels specified in the Voluntary Product Standard – Performance Standard for Wood-Based Structural-Use Panels (PS 2-04)
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The PS 1 plywood standard was updated in 2009 but the status of the PS 1 exemption did not change. Therefore, panels bearing a TECO PS 1-09 certification mark are not required to be certified as CARB Phase 2 compliant.

If you have any further questions or require further clarification, please contact me. Thank you.



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