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## Mohawk CARB Update

A recent 60 Minutes broadcast on the subject of laminate flooring sourced by a national flooring retailer from China has raised many questions about laminate and engineered wood products. The information below will help answer those questions.

All laminate and engineered wood flooring manufactured and sold by Mohawk Industries has been tested in accordance with the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) 93120 Title 17, California Code of Regulations, and meets the CARB Phase 2 standards. The state of California devised this standard and began its implementation in 2008 to reduce the formaldehyde emissions from composite wood products and finished goods that contain composite wood products that are sold, offered for sale, supplied, used or manufactured for sale in California. While formaldehyde is a naturally occurring substance in all wood, high levels considered harmful for humans can occur when resins and glues containing high levels of formaldehyde are used to manufacture laminate core board and plywood for engineered wood flooring. The CARB Phase 2 standards are as follows:

- MDF Core Board <8mm thick: <0.13 PPM (parts per million)
- MDF Core Board 8mm thick or greater: <0.11 PPM (parts per million)
- Veneered Plywood: <0.05 PPM (parts per million)

As required by CARB's ATCM 93120, all of Mohawk's laminate core board and engineered wood plywood manufacturing facilities and suppliers were audited and samples were randomly selected for testing by an independent Third Party Certifier approved by CARB. Based upon results achieved by independent Third Party Certifiers, all Mohawk laminate flooring and all engineered wood flooring is Phase 2 compliant as defined by CARB's ATCM 93120 and, therefore, compliant with the law. Mohawk regularly checks to ensure all certification is updated and that all CARB requirements are being met. In addition, all Mohawk manufactured laminate and engineered wood products have been tested by an independent laboratory and have been awarded FloorScore® certification based on the CDPH Standard Method v1.1. This means **Mohawk products do not release any harmful VOCs into living environments** and are recognized as compliant for the following use standards:

- CALGreen, CA Code of Regulations Title 24, Part II, 2012
- USGBC LEED CI, NC, Schools, Healthcare, 2009
- USGBC LEED Version 4, BD&C, ID&C, 2013
- Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS), National Core Criteria, 2013
- ANSI/GBI 01-2010, Green Building Assessment Protocol

Consumer satisfaction and safety are paramount at Mohawk. We take these obligations seriously and constantly ensure we are in full compliance with all regulatory requirements as well as our own internal requirements.

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