

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### **Arauco North America and EPA TSCA Title VI, Formaldehyde Standards for Composite Wood Products**

**Re: Arauco North America status on formaldehyde emissions related to the EPA TSCA Title VI, Formaldehyde Standards for Composite Wood Products.**

On December 12, 2016, the EPA published the long-awaited EPA rule for Formaldehyde Emission Standards for Composite Wood Products in the Federal Register. After numerous commenting periods, the final rule has been published to the Federal Register. The first compliance date is December 12, 2017, when panel manufacturers (domestic and imported) must meet the established emissions levels, and all product manufacturers and laminators (domestic and imported) will be required to use compliant core material. Additionally, EPA has implemented a new certification requirement for imports of composite wood panels or products made with composite wood that will apply on December 12, 2018. Also, a narrowly defined group of attached wood or woody grass veneered products, referred to by the EPA as "laminated products," will have further requirements for compliance effective December 12, 2023.

In the new EPA rule, formaldehyde emission limits from composite wood products are the same as those prescribed by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Air Toxics Control Measure (ATCM).

All Arauco North America Particleboard and Medium Density Fiberboard mills have been certified by the Composite Panel Association (CPA), an approved CARB third party certifier, to comply with the CARB ATCM formaldehyde Phase 2 emission limits since 2012 (for thin MDF) and since 2011 (for all other products) and will comply the EPA TSCA Title VI regulation to the extent that it applies to our products. We anticipate the only change for our products with respect to this regulation will be to the specific verbiage on product labelling and sales/delivery documents. We anticipate completing our EPA TSCA Title VI certification process no later than October 31, 2017.

Additional information resources:

- EPA TSCA Title VI rule [Federal Register](#)
- EPA TSCA Title VI rule [Questions and Answers website](#).
- Composite Panel Association ["What the EPA Formaldehyde Rule Means to You" Quick Reference Guide](#) and [At-A-Glance](#) document for a summary of key compliance dates.

Regards,



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