

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

EXECUTIVE ORDER W-24-015

Relating to CARB Approval of Third-Party Certifiers under
section 93120.4, title 17, California Code of Regulations

**AIDIMME – Instituto Tecnológico Metalmeccanico,
Mueble, Madera, Embalaje y Afines**

Whereas, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) has adopted the “Airborne Toxic Control Measure to Reduce Formaldehyde Emissions from Composite Wood Products” (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 (TPC) approved by CARB;

Whereas, the ATCM requires TPCs 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 CARB’s Executive Officer to approve TPCs;

Whereas, section 93120.4(b)(1) of the ATCM requires that applications to become a CARB-approved TPC 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 TPCs 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, AIDIMME - Instituto Tecnológico Metalmeccanico, Mueble, Madera, Embalaje y Afines (AIDIMME or the applicant), formerly known as Asociacion de Investigacion y

Desarrollo en la Industria del Mueble y Afines (AIDIMA), submitted an original application dated July 7, 2008, which was deemed complete on September 24, 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, AIDIMME was issued Executive Order W-08-015, signed on November 21, 2008;

Whereas, section 93120.4(b)(4) of the ATCM allows CARB-approved TPCs to apply for re-approval to CARB by submitting an updated application;

Whereas, AIDIMME submitted the original and updated applications for approval to CARB as follows:

Executive Order #	Received Date	Signed Date	Actions
W-08-015	07/07/2008	11/21/2008	Original
W-10-015	08/04/2010	09/07/2010	Renewal
W-12-015	06/20/2012	07/05/2012	Renewal
W-14-015	03/12/2014	06/04/2014	Renewal
W-16-015	03/22/2016	05/18/2016	Renewal
W-16-015A	06/13/2016	07/19/2016	Amendment to add Universidad Tecnologica de Tabasco of Mexico as subcontractor for inspection services. Company merger resulted in name change to AIDIMME.
W-18-015	05/16/2018	08/08/2018	Renewal
W-20-015	05/19/2020	08/13/2020	Renewal
W-20-015A	08/18/2020	11/09/2020	Amendment to add Manifaktura SRL of Italy as subcontractor for inspection services.
W-22-015	07/08/2022	08/16/2022	Renewal with addition of ACERTSA of Columbia as a subcontractor for inspection services and removal of Universidad Tecnologica de Tabasco of Mexico as a subcontractor for inspection services.

Whereas, AIDIMME submitted an updated application for re-approval to CARB on May 6, 2024; the application was deemed complete July 15, 2024;

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

Whereas, the Executive Officer approved the request from AIDIMME for re-approval, and it is appropriate that Executive Order W-22-015 be superseded by Executive Order W-24-015.

Now, therefore, it is ordered that AIDIMME is hereby approved as a TPC and is issued the following number designating them as a CARB-approved TPC: **TPC-15**.

Be it further ordered that AIDIMME is a CARB-approved TPC 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:

- AIDIMME must provide their CARB-approved TPC number to each manufacturer it has subcontracted with for services, as specified in section 93120.12, Appendix 3, of the ATCM.
- AIDIMME must participate in an inter-laboratory study of their primary and/or secondary chamber facilities.
- If AIDIMME wishes to use a subcontractor other than is listed in Attachment A, AIDIMME 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. AIDIMME shall not use the subcontractor unless the Executive Officer approves the request in writing.
- AIDIMME 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-24-015 supersedes Executive Order W-22-015, which was issued on August 16, 2022.

Be it further ordered that this Executive Order shall have a duration of two years from the date it is executed; within 120 days prior to the expiration of this Executive Order, AIDIMME 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 AIDIMME with 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 AIDIMME must maintain records in electronic or hard copy form for two years, for review by CARB 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, AIDIMME must provide an annual report to CARB for the previous calendar year, as specified in section 93120.12, Appendix 3, of the ATCM.

Be it further ordered that AIDIMME 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 on this 1st day of August, 2024.



Matthew O'Donnell, Chief
Risk Reduction Branch
Transportation and Toxics Division

Attachment A

List of Subcontractors for AIDIMME (TPC-15)
Under Executive Order W-24-015

Company Name	Contact Information	Subcontractor Function
Manifaktura SRL, Italy	Maria Jesus Soler Perez mjsoler@aidimme.es	Inspection Services
ACERTSA, Columbia	Maria Jesus Soler Perez mjsoler@aidimme.es	Inspection Services