

When Do I Have to Comply?

As of January 1, 2014, all composite wood products and finished goods made with composite wood products are required to comply with the California regulation.

Only products that meet CARB's strict regulatory requirements are legal for sale in California.

View the regulation:

<https://ww3.arb.ca.gov/regact/2007/compwood07/fro-final.pdf>

For general information about the regulation:

<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/composite-wood-products-program>



Some of our important documents are translated in other languages for your convenience.

Those documents are available at:
<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/publications>



Information for Composite Wood Products Retailers



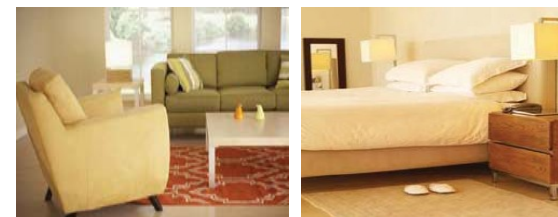
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street,
P.O. Box 2815, Sacramento, CA 95812

For information in alternative formats:

(916) 323-4916 (voice, ARB ADA Coordinator)
(916) 324-9531 (TDD, Sacramento area only)
(800) 700-8326 (TDD, outside of Sacramento)

What Retailers Need to Know

To Comply With the Formaldehyde in Composite Wood Products Airborne Toxic Control Measure



For complaints and concerns:

Air Pollution Hotline

1-800-952-5588 (within California)
1-800-242-4450 (outside of California)

What is the Composite Wood Products Regulation?

The purpose of the regulation is to protect public health.

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) adopted the regulation to limit the amount of formaldehyde emitted from composite wood products and finished goods made from these materials. The limits established for these materials are:

Hardwood Plywood (HWPW)	0.05 ppm
Particleboard (PB)	0.09 ppm
Medium Density Fiberboard(MDF)	0.11 ppm
Thin MDF (tMDF) ≤ 8 millimeter	0.13 ppm

CARB Inspections

Retail facilities that sell or offer for sale composite wood products and finished goods are subject to inspection by CARB staff. CARB staff may obtain products for further analysis and conduct audits of records to determine compliance with the regulation.

New Federal Regulation

On February 10, 2017, the U.S EPA established a regulation for Composite Wood Products. The requirements for retailers are the same under the Federal and CARB regulations. The required Federal label of **TSCA Title VI Compliant** will be accepted by CARB.

For more information visit :

<https://www.epa.gov/formaldehyde/formaldehyde-emission-standards-composite-wood-products>

Tips for Compliance

DEFINITIONS

What is a Finished Good?

Finished goods are any consumer good made with composite wood products. Examples of finished goods include, but are not limited to: furniture, cabinets, flooring, stereo speakers, picture frames, moldings, cribs, etc. Finished goods must be made from certified, compliant composite wood panels.

Who Must Comply?

Retailers

Person or entity that sells, offers for sale, or supplies directly to consumers composite wood products or finished goods made with these materials.

Importers/Distributors

Entities that distribute finished goods within California or bring finished goods to California who will then supply these products to downstream customers, such as retailers.

Fabricators

Entities that “use” composite wood panels to make finished goods. Finished goods must be made from certified, compliant composite wood panels.

Manufacturers

Person or entity who manufactures or produces a composite wood product. Panel producers are manufacturers.

RETAILERS

Purchase Compliant Product

Retailers are required to take actions and keep records that ensure that composite wood products containing these materials being sold in California are compliant.

Check for Proper Labels

Composite wood products and finished goods must be labeled as follows:

1. Name of fabricator/manufacturer
2. Date of fabrication/manufacture
3. Statement of compliance with Federal Rule (TSCA Title VI) and/or CARB compliance.

Check Invoices

Retailers should check for a statement of compliance on all supplier invoices or bills of lading. Suppliers are required to state on the bill of lading or invoice that the products comply with the Federal Rule (TSCA Title VI) and/or CARB compliance.

Keep Proper Records

Retailers are required to keep records that demonstrate that the products they are selling are compliant. These records include but are not limited to:

- **Invoices and bill of lading** that contain the date of purchase, supplier, and a statement of compliance.
- **Supplier contact information** for all regulated products.
- **Documentation** that the retailer has instructed each of their suppliers to supply only compliant product and obtain written confirmation that this is so.

Must be kept for at least 3 years