

State of California  
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

EXECUTIVE ORDER W-20-036

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

**COSMOB S.p.A.**

WHEREAS, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) has adopted the “Airborne Toxic Control Measure to Reduce Formaldehyde Emissions from Composite Wood Products” (the 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, Laboratorio Tecnologico per la Qualità (COSMOB or the applicant) submitted an original application dated March 20, 2009, which was deemed complete on February 10, 2011;

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, COSMOB was issued Executive Order W-11-036, signed on February 28, 2011;

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

<b>Executive Order #</b>	<b>Received Date</b>	<b>Signed Date</b>	<b>Actions</b>
W-11-036	March 20, 2009	February 28, 2011	Original
W-13-036	January 25, 2013	March 6, 2013	Renewal
W-15-036	April 8, 2015	December 15, 2015	Renewal
W-18-036	December 27, 2017	February 21, 2018	Renewal

WHEREAS, COSMOB submitted an updated application for re-approval to CARB on February 13, 2020, in which the applicant requested to formally change their name to COSMOB S.p.A.; the application was deemed complete on February 21, 2020;

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 COSMOB's request for re-approval, and it is appropriate that Executive Order W-18-036 be superseded by this Executive Order W-20-036.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that COSMOB is hereby approved as a TPC and is issued the following number designating them as a CARB-approved TPC: **TPC-36**.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that COSMOB 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:

1. COSMOB 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.
2. COSMOB must participate in an inter-laboratory study of their primary and/or secondary chamber facilities.
3. If COSMOB wishes to use any subcontractor, COSMOB 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. COSMOB shall not use the subcontractor unless the Executive Officer approves the request in writing.
4. COSMOB 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-20-036 supersedes Executive Order W-18-036, which was issued on February 21, 2018.

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, the TPC 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 the TPC 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 the TPC 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, the TPC 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 the TPC 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 this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Richard Boyd", is written over a horizontal line.

Richard Boyd, Chief  
Risk Reduction Branch  
Transportation and Toxics Division