

CARB - Key Definitions:

Formaldehyde - means a colorless gas at room temperature that at elevated concentrations has a strong, pungent odor and can be irritating to the eyes, nose, and lungs (i.e., CAS No. 50-00-0).

Composite wood products - means hardwood plywood, particleboard, and medium density fiberboard. "Composite wood products" does not include hardboard, structural plywood as specified in PS 1-07, structural panels as specified in PS 2-04, structural composite lumber as specified in ASTM D 5456-06, oriented strand board, glued laminated timber as specified in ANSI A1 90.1-2002, prefabricated wood I-joists as specified in ASTM D 5055-05, finger-jointed lumber, or "composite wood products" used inside of new vehicles as defined in section 430 of the California Vehicle Code (excluding recreational vehicles), rail cars, boats, aerospace craft, or aircraft.

Manufacturer — a company that manufactures regulated composite wood panels (hardwood plywood, particleboard or MDF).

Distributor – Any person to whom a composite wood products or finished good is sold or supplied for the purposes of resale or distribution in commerce, except that manufacturers and retailers are not "distributors".

Fabricator – Any person that uses composite wood products to make finished goods. "Fabricator" includes producers of laminated products.

Retailer – Any person or entity that sells, offers for sale, or supplies directly to consumers composite wood products or finished goods that contain composite wood products.

Importer – The person or entity as defined in the regulations of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, 19 Code of Regulations, Section 101.1. "Importer" means the person primarily liable for the payment of any duties on the merchandise, or an authorized agent acting on his behalf. The importer may be:

1. The consignee, or
2. The importer of record, or
3. The actual owner of the merchandise, or
4. The transferee of the merchandise, if the right to withdraw merchandise in a bonded warehouse has been transferred.

Component Part - A fabricated part that contains one or more composite wood products and is used in the assembly of finished goods.

Finished Goods – Any good or product, other than a panel, containing hardwood plywood, particleboard, or medium density fiberboard. Component parts are not "finished goods," although they are used in the assembly of finished goods. "Finished Goods" do not include used goods such as antiques or second-hand furniture. For the purposes of this subsection, a "used good" means a "finished good" that has been previously been sold or supplied to the ultimate purchaser. "Ultimate Purchaser" means the first person in good faith purchases or acquires a "finished good" for purposes other than resale.

Hardwood Plywood (HWPW) – A panel composed of an assembly of (A) hardwood layers or piles of veneer or (B) veneers in combination with a platform consisting lumber core, composite core, a special core material, or special back material, joined with an adhesive. The face veneer may be composed of a hardwood or decorative softwood species (ANSI/HPVA HP-1-2004). "Hardwood Plywood" includes wall paneling, industrial panels, and "hardwood plywood" panels used in making flooring. "Hardwood

Plywood” does not include laminated products, military specified plywood, or curved plywood.

Medium Density Fiberboard (MDF) - means a panel composed of cellulosic fibers (usually wood) made by dry forming and pressing of a resinated fiber mat.

Particleboard - means a panel composed of cellulosic material (usually wood) in the form of discrete particles (as distinguished from fibers, flakes, or strands) that are pressed together with resin.

Laminated Product – A finished good or component part of a finished good made by a fabricator in which a laminate or laminates are affixed to a platform. If the platform consists of a composite wood product, the platform must comply with the applicable emission standards.

Panel – Any particleboard, medium density fiberboard, or hardwood plywood board produced for sale, supply, or distribution by a composite wood product manufacturer.

Veneer – Thin sheets of wood peeled or sliced from logs for use in the manufacture of wood products such as plywood, laminated veneer lumber, laminated products, or other products.

Third Part Certifier – An organization or entity approved by the Executive Officer that: (A) verifies the accuracy of the emission test procedures and facilities used by manufactures to conduct formaldehyde emission tests, (B) monitors manufacturer quality assurance programs, and (C) provides independent audits and inspections.