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EPA Issues Final Rule on Formaldehyde Emission Standards for Composite Wood Products under TSCA

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On **February 7, 2018**, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is scheduled to issue in the *Federal Register* a <u>final rule on Voluntary Consensus Standards Update; Formaldehyde Emission Standards for Composite Wood Products</u> that will revise the formaldehyde standards for composite wood products regulations. The revision updates the incorporation by reference of multiple voluntary consensus standards originally published in the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Title VI formaldehyde emission standards for composite wood products final rule on December 12, 2016, that have been updated, superseded, or withdrawn, and provides a technical correction to allow panel producers to correlate their approved quality control test method to the ASTM E1333-14 test chamber, or, upon showing equivalence, the ASTM D6007-14 test chamber. EPA withdrew its direct final rule to update voluntary consensus standards for composite wood products in December 2017 due to its receipt of adverse comment on the rule. The final rule will be effective upon publication.

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