

FFR consultation

WPIF response

Dear Terry

I hope you can accept this e-mail as our response to the consultation, I have not filled the consultation form as most of it is not relevant to our industry, however the element which has an effect on us is the 'unregulated materials within 40mm of the cover: indicative exemptions list'. Whilst we have no particular views on whether these materials should or should not be tested, we do however support the need for an exemptions list for products which can be regarded to deem to satisfy the requirements of the regulation without any further testing.

In addition we have an issue with the proposed products on the exemptions list. One particular product we believe should be on the exemptions list which is not currently, is OSB (oriented strand board). OSB has performed in the same manner as all other wood based panels that are using the same types of resin binders and woods (i.e. chipboard and fibreboards) in tests conducted by FIRA (preparation for industry for introduction of new proposed match test in accordance with The Furniture and Furnishings Fire Safety Regulations; phase 1 -assessment of new match test) and in European reaction to fire tests as given in 'Commission Decision of 15 May 2007 amending Decision 2003/43/EC establishing the classes of reaction-to-fire performance for certain construction products as regards wood-based panels (notified under document number C(2007) 2045)'. It is for these reasons we would like OSB to be added to the list.

Regards

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