



To: **Berry Alloc / BeauFlor Customers**

**March 10,2015**

Re: **Laminate Concerns – 60 Minutes**

The 60 Minutes news story that aired on March 2, 2015 highlighted a major retailer's laminate products and elevated the issue of formaldehyde content and emissions in laminate products. We have received many inquiries since the broadcast from distributors, retailers, and consumers, all asking about compliance with formaldehyde content and CARB II levels.

**The story focussed on laminate products produced in China. While most of Berry Alloc / BeauFlor's laminates are manufactured in Belgium and Norway, we do import some product from China. All of our laminate products sold in North America are tested in accordance with and complies with California Air Resources Board (CARB) Airborne Toxic Control Measure.**

We have Certificates of Compliance from our manufacturer and have performed additional testing this past week on items currently in our distribution center. These tests have confirmed compliance with all regulatory requirements.

We understand the concerns expressed by our customers but can assure you that Berry Alloc / BeauFlor has in the past and will continue to provide flooring products that meet all proscribed safety standards.

We thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely;

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**Sales Director North America**  
**Berry Alloc / BeauFlor**  
**BFS USA, LLC**



## WPS STATEMENT ON FORMALDEHYDE AND VOCS EMISSIONS

Monday, March 2, 2015

As a result of the very negative report aired last night on "60 minutes" with regards to products made in China, containing elevated levels of formaldehyde and mislabeled as CARB compliant (the California Air Resources Board has set up the limits of formaldehyde content for plywood and HDF).

It is important to know that Fusion and Vision are constructed with a WPC core which doesn't fall under the scope for CARB regulations. The California Air Resources Board regulates the formaldehyde content of products made of particle board, plywood, MDF and HDF.

Also, the rule applies only for products sold in the State of California.

<http://www.decorativesurfaces.org/userfiles/filemanager/524/>

WPS's philosophy, however, is to bring products to market that meet the highest standards nationwide for indoor air quality.

Fusion and Vision have passed the Greenguard Gold certification. To be certified, products must meet stringent emissions standards based on established chemical exposure criteria.

*The GREENGUARD Gold standard includes health based criteria for additional chemicals and also requires lower total VOC emissions levels to ensure that products are acceptable for use in environments such as schools and healthcare facilities. In addition to limiting emissions of more than 360 VOCs and total chemical emissions, GREENGUARD Gold Certified products must also comply with requirements of the State of California's Department of Public Health "Standard Method for the Testing and Evaluation of Volatile Organic Chemical Emissions from Indoor Sources Using Environmental Chambers, Version 1.1 (2010)" (also known as California Section 01350).*

The information about Fusion can be found on the Underwriters Laboratories website.

<http://productguide.ulenvironment.com/ProductDetail.aspx?productID=63125&includeWords=Fusion>