

Plywood Considered to Be Requiring Mandatory Inspection (August 31, 2006)

Under a sampling project on plywood sold on the market, the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) reported a rather high rate of nonconformity against related national standards. The release of formaldehyde of 9 out of 12 sampled plywood was found to be not in compliance with that suggested in the national standards CNS 1349 and 11341.

With a view to ensuring the safety of consumers in terms of potential exposure to formaldehyde, the BSMI is considering to include plywood in the mandatory inspection product list. A public hearing will be held on September 7, 2006 to discuss this issue and the BSMI welcomes the participation of interested parties. If consensus is reached at the hearing, the BSMI will submit a notification to the WTO for purpose of transparency.