



## PFS Corporation Helps Clients Meet January 1, 2009 Air Quality Deadline

### **CARB Certification of Composite Wood Products**

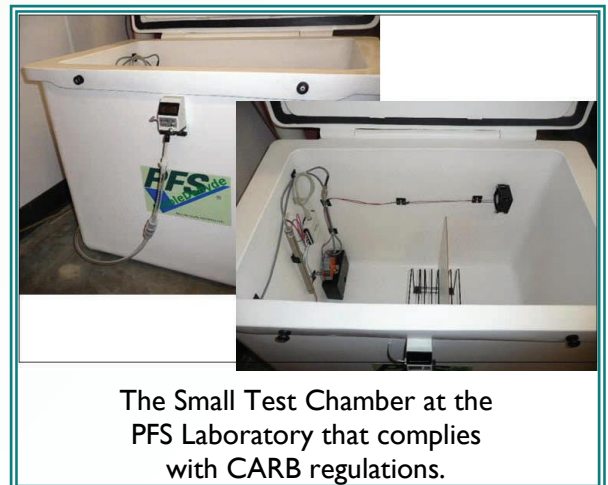
***“The PFS Laboratory has achieved recognition by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) as a Third Party Certifier (TPC) to verify compliance with California regulations,”*** announces James Van Schoyck, PFS Lab Administrator. ***“The stated purpose of the regulation is to prevent out-gassing of formaldehyde and improve air quality in buildings in California.”***

PFS provides TPC services as described in the ***Airborne Toxic Control Measure to Reduce Formaldehyde Emission from Composite Wood Products Regulation*** for products sold or shipped into California.

**Manufacturers, importers, distributors, fabricators, laminators and retailers** can all be held responsible for assuring that their products offered for sale in the California market comply with CARB regulations. As of January 1, 2009, CARB will require manufacturers of composite wood to have their products certified by a third party laboratory approved by the board. CARB will require both manufacturers of composite wood and producers that use composite wood in their products to have those products certified by a third party certifier approved by the board.

Included in the CARB regulation are requirements for:

- Formaldehyde test method technology,
- The CARB qualification procedure,
- Emission test results management,
- Review of manufacturing processes,
- Development of quality system documentation,
- A quality manual, and
- Manufacturing plant auditing procedures,



The Small Test Chamber at the PFS Laboratory that complies with CARB regulations.

The **Workshop Training Program** offered by the PFS Laboratory helps composite wood producers and furniture makers to understand and implement the above CARB regulation requirements in their own manufacturing plants.

PFS also provides **consulting services** for **fabricators** and **laminators**, as defined by CARB, to verify compliance of their quality control systems with CARB requirements.

## **PFS Expands Follow-Up Quality Control Services to Manufacturers in China and Brazil**

After passing the initial large chamber qualification test by the PFS Lab at its headquarters in Wisconsin, plus small chamber testing for the purpose of correlation, quarterly follow-up tests to verify continued compliance of the product may be conducted in remote locations by following specific CARB guidelines.

In conjunction with Forestwood Industries, Inc. (FII), PFS Corporation is opening a field office in Qingdao Shandong, China to serve their clients' quarterly CARB certification needs.

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PFS Corporation together with FII, is opening a field office in Imbituva, Brazil to serve their South American clients' needs for CARB certification.

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In conjunction with Hongjun Keji Corporation (HKC), PFS Corporation has offices in Shanghai, China and Congqing, China providing third party certification services to Engineered Wood Products manufacturers, in addition to the CARB scope of services for composite wood producers.

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For many years PFS Corporation has been active in formaldehyde testing of paneling used in HUD-code homes to assist the industry in complying with HUD standards to control emissions from paneling, including hardwood plywood, oriented strand board (OSB), particleboard and medium density fiberboard, for the purpose of improving the air quality in HUD-code homes. PFS is now pleased to assist in the comprehensive testing and certification of other products that are introduced into buildings. Although these products must meet the stringent California standards to be sold in California, **consumers buying those products that are offered for sale outside of California may also benefit by using these low formaldehyde-emitting products.**

**Watch future Encores as PFS expands its services in this vital area.**

## **PFS Meets Additional IAS Requirements**

“PFS Corporation has added **ASTM E2126 Standard Test Methods for Cyclic (Reversed) Load Test for Shear Resistance of Walls for Buildings** to its IAS Certificate of Accreditation,” announces James Van Schoyck, PFS Lab Administrator. “This standard includes three test methods for simulating seismic effects. The Curie Method is included in E2126 and is currently recommended by the ICC ES for shear wall seismic performance.”

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