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Re: PS 1 certification for plywood

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter has been prepared on behalf of Bessemer Plywood Corporation to inform a customer about the need for PS 1 certification versus APA certification. The building codes in the U.S. require that structural panels are certified to U.S. Department of Commerce Voluntary Product standards, PS 1 (plywood) or PS 2 (general wood-based structural panels such as plywood or OSB). The codes do not specify that the panels have to be certified by a particular company, and there are several in the U.S. that do so for the PS 1 and PS 2 standards. The situation is similar for construction lumber; there are many regional bodies that certify lumber for use in the U.S., but all do so according to the same standard.

PFS·TECO has been certifying plywood structural plywood to PS 1 and other standards since the 1950s and its certifications are accepted throughout the United States and Canada. We maintain the required ISO accreditations to perform our certification and testing tasks: ISO 17065, 17020 and 17025. You can find information about our accreditations at the follow sites:

Accreditations: <https://www.pfsteco.com/accreditations>

Certified Plywood Manufacturers: <https://www.pfsteco.com/listing/plywood>

Certified OSB Manufacturers: <https://www.pfsteco.com/listing/oriented-strand-board>

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions. You can be assured that whether panels are certified by PFS·TECO, APA, TPI or Benchmark, the companies use the same standard that is specified in the building codes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven A. Verhey".

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