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Compulsory BIS Registration Scheme For Melamine And Phenol

We would like to share with you that Wood Technologist Association (WTA) is a group of reputed technical experts from all over the India. Our all-around technical expertise is mainly associated with Plywood and Laminates industry. WTA was established in the year 2008 with a vision of spreading awareness about technical knowhow between Plywood & Laminate Industry. Wood technologists Association is also a core committee members with the following:

- Core committee member with Forest Research Institute, Dehradun,
- Core committee member with Indian Plywood Research and Training Institute, Bangalore
- CED member with Bureau of Indian Standards.

Sir, we come to know that Bureau of Indian Standards is in a planning to add two chemicals i.e. Melamine (IS 15623) and Phenol (IS 538) into the mandatory product list of BIS.

In this regard we are requested the following:

Sir, Melamine and phenol are the major raw material of our industries and the manufacturer of these chemicals are very low in India. The only manufacturer of Melamine in India is M/s. Gujarat State Fertilizer & Chemicals Limited and the same situation is also with Phenol which is around 2-3 manufacturers in India. To fulfill the consumption requirement of Plywood & Laminates industries we are mainly depends upon the import supplies from all over the world and by implementing the mandatory category for these product are directly affected the supply chain. This will definitely very harmful for Plywood & Laminates industries.

Sir, the major share of Plywood and Laminate industry is under MSME category. Small industrial setups are spreaded majorly in Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Kerala and West Bangal. As they are small scale setup they can't stock these chemicals in bulk and for long duration. They indirectly purchased this from suppliers. By implementing the mandatory BIS marking of the same import will go down and because of the material crises prices will increase and then it become difficult to run small industries in a smooth manner.

Sir, we understand that worldwide there is no such type of mandatory guideline embossed/implemented on these product.

Sir, we urge you to immediately intervene in this matter and please fend this activity for the survival of Plywood & Laminate Industry.

Thanking you, Wood Technologist Association

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