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Vendor Partner,

Please be advised that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a final rule (Final Rule) to implement the Formaldehyde Standards for Composite Wood Products Act, which added Title VI to the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). TSCA Title VI establishes mandatory formaldehyde emission standards identical to those established by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and applies to hardwood plywood, medium-density fiberboard, and particleboard, and finished goods containing these products, that are sold, supplied, offered for sale, or manufactured (including imported) in the United States (Covered Products). The effective date of the Final Rule is May 22, 2017, and Covered Products must meet the emission standard certification, testing, labeling and recordkeeping requirements after December 12, 2018. For specific compliance deadlines, please refer to EPA's website.

To achieve compliance with TSCA and the Final Rule, and in keeping with the terms of our Master Standard Buying Agreement and our Vendor Requirements, Lowe's Companies, Inc. and its affiliates ("Lowe's"), require that vendors comply as follows:

1. Take all measures necessary to ensure that any Covered Products and/or finished goods purchased by Lowe's for resale comply with all applicable laws and regulations, including TSCA Title VI and the Final Rule, and meet the formaldehyde emission standards prior to shipment;
2. Effective December 12, 2018, place a statement verifying compliance with TSCA Title VI on all invoices, bill of lading and comparable documents required by Lowe's relating to the purchase of any products and/or finished goods containing Covered Products;
3. Effective December 12, 2018, place an appropriate label on Covered Products in accordance with the Final Rule;
4. Effective December 12, 2018, do not ship any products that are not compliant or do not have the appropriate label on Covered Products in accordance with the Final Rule; AND
5. Maintain proper recordkeeping and documentation in accordance with the Final Rule, and ensure sufficient traceability of a lot or batch of products.

Failure to comply with these requirements, TSCA Title VI and the Final Rule may result in nonpayment and rejection of products.

Further information is available on EPA's website <https://www.epa.gov/formaldehyde>. Please review the Final Rule and relevant information provided by EPA to ensure your compliance with all of the requirements and obligations set forth therein. Please consult with your own attorney

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for guidance with respect to this law and any other statutes and regulations that may be applicable to the products you provide to Lowe's.

Sincerely,

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