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## **VT Architectural Wood Doors Meet CARB Phase II Regulations**

(Holstein, IA, January 1, 2011) Phase II of The California Air Resources Board (CARB) Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) to Reduce Formaldehyde Emissions from Composite Wood Products, Section 93120 took effect January 1, 2011. This regulation requires all composite wood and finished products containing composite wood being sold in California to meet formaldehyde emission standards.

Phase II requires all particleboard formaldehyde emission levels to be less than 0.09 parts per million (ppm). This phase also requires medium density fiberboard (MDF) formaldehyde emission levels to be less than 0.11 ppm.

VT Industries Inc. has maintained contact with composite wood suppliers to ensure that it manufactures doors using composite wood products that meet the stricter CARB Phase II regulation. This includes all flush, stile & rail, and profiled door product offerings.

VT Architectural Wood Doors constructed with particleboard or MDF will read "CARB 93120 P2 Compliant" on the label, providing proof of conformance to California's formaldehyde standards. Invoices and shipping documents will also contain the compliance statement "CARB 93120 Phase II compliant for formaldehyde standards". These statements comply with the labeling requirements specified in the CARB emission regulation.

Since 2009, VT Industries complied with phase I of the ATCM as it became effective January 1, 2009. Phase I required all particleboard formaldehyde emission levels to be less than 0.18 ppm and MDF formaldehyde emission levels to be less than 0.21 ppm.

By meeting CARB Phase II Standards, VT Industries will be precompliant to the national formaldehyde standards known as "Formaldehyde Standards for Composite Wood Products Act" (S. 1660), signed into law by President Obama on July 7, 2010. The Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA) has been tasked to develop implementation rules to ensure compliance to these standards no later than January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

More information on the CARB ATCM for formaldehyde is available at [www.arb.ca.gov/toxics/compwood/compwood.htm](http://www.arb.ca.gov/toxics/compwood/compwood.htm), where the entire regulation is available for download.

### **About VT Industries**

VT Industries Inc., is a manufacturer of premium wood veneer, high-pressure decorative laminate (HPDL), and stile & rail architectural wood doors for all commercial applications. VT also manufactures postformed laminate and quartz countertops. VT has nine manufacturing facilities located in the U.S. and Canada.