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505.2.4

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Revise as follows:

505.2.4 Bio-based materials. Bio-based materials shall be those materials that comply with one or more of the following:

1. The bio-based content is not less than 75 percent as determined by testing in accordance with ASTM D 6866.
2. Wood and wood products used to comply with this section, other than salvaged or reused wood products, shall be labeled in accordance with ~~the SFI Standard, FSC STD-40-004 V2-1 EN, PEFC Council Technical Document~~ the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI), the Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC), the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC), or equivalent *fiber procurement system*. As an alternative to an on-product label, a Certificate of Compliance indicating compliance with the *fiber procurement system* shall be permitted. Manufacturer's *fiber procurement systems* shall be audited by an accredited third-party.
3. The requirements of USDA 7CFR Part 2902.

Add new standard(s) as follows:

Sustainable Forestry Initiative Inc.
900 17th Street, NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20006

Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) -No date

Forest Stewardship Council U.S. (FSC-US)
212 Third Avenue North, Suite 445
Minneapolis, MN 55401

Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC) -No date

PEFC International
10, Route de l'Aéroport

Case Postale 636
1215 Geneva - Switzerland

Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) -No date

Reason: Reference to credible forest certification programs alone is sufficient and advantageous. The objective of the criteria is to provide the code official with guidance when looking for on-product labels which meet this sustainability attribute. Products labeled according to the requirements of these programs ensure the wood comes from a responsibly managed forest. In the case of fiber procurement and forest certification, labels demonstrate compliance with the label programs. The code official only needs to verify labeling by one of the acceptable, credible forest certification organizations to determine compliance with the standards emanating from those organizations. This compliance is further verified by third party verification.

This approach will permit the latest requirements of the certification standards to be recognized by the IgCC

Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) <http://www.sfiprogram.org/>

Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC) <https://us.fsc.org/>

Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) <http://pefc.org/>

Cost Impact: Will not increase the cost of construction.

Analysis: The programs referenced in this proposal, Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI), Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC) and Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) must be considered as a referenced standards and therefore Section 3.6 of CP#28 is applicable. Regarding Section 3.6.1, these programs are not promulgated by a consensus process such as ANSI or ASTM.

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