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RULING NUMBER: 24-05-379 (14154-R)

Minister's Ruling Application Number:

MR 2024-04

Ruling Issued:

August 6, 2024

This Minister's Ruling corresponds with the Canadian Construction Materials Centre (CCMC) Canadian Code Standard Compliance Evaluation ("Evaluation") No. CCMC 14154-R modified on January 29, 2024.

Pursuant to clause 29(1)(a) of the *Building Code Act, 1992*, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing may, subject to conditions, make rulings, approving the use of innovative materials, systems or building designs evaluated by a materials evaluation body designated in the Building Code.

The Minister has delegated the power to make a Ruling to the Director of the Building and Development Branch.

As delegate of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (the "Minister"), I hereby approve the use of **Tropics Deckboard** subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. MANUFACTURER

UFP Ventures II, Inc.
1801 East Lessard
Prairie du Chien WI 53821
United States

Telephone: 616-364-6161
Website: www.ufpi.com

2. MANUFACTURING FACILITIES

Prairie du Chien, WI, US

3. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

- (a) The use of **Tropics Deckboard** is approved when used as a wood thermoplastic composite lumber (WTCL) made primarily from oak hardwood floor and reclaimed/recycled high-density polyethylene (HDPE) in respect of the requirements of Article 9.3.2.9., Article 9.4.2.3., Article 9.4.3.1., and Article 9.23.15.5. of Division B of Ontario's 2012 Building Code, Ontario Regulation 332/12 (the "Building Code");
- (b) **Tropics Deckboard** shall comply with the Building Code Act, 1992; and except as specifically provided otherwise in this Ruling, with the Building Code;

- (c) A copy of this Ruling and the Evaluation No. 14154-R modified on January 29, 2024, (the “CCMC Evaluation Report”), shall be submitted in connection with each application for a building permit;
- (d) The use of **Tropics Deckboard** must be in accordance with the CCMC Evaluation Report; provided that the references in that report to the National Building Code of Canada, 2015 and 2020, including those listed in column 1 below, shall be deemed references to the Building Code listed in column 2 below, as described in the following tables:

National’s 2015 Building Code References	Ontario’s 2012 Building Code References
Division A, Subsection 1.2.1.	Division A, Subsection 1.2.1.
Division A, Clause 1.2.1.1.(1)(a)	Division A, Clause 1.2.1.1.(1)(a)
Division A, Clause 1.2.1.1.(1)(b)	Division A, Clause 1.2.1.1.(1)(b)
Division B, Article 9.3.2.9.	Division B, Article 9.3.2.9.
Division B, Clause 9.3.2.9.(1)(b)	Division B, Clause 9.3.2.9.(1)(b)
Division B, Clause 9.3.2.9.(3)(a)	Division B, Sentence 9.3.2.9.(3)
Division B, Article 9.4.3.1.	Division B, Article 9.4.3.1.
Division B, Article 9.8.9.6.	Division B, Article 9.8.9.6.
Division B, Article 9.23.3.1.	Division B, Article 9.23.3.1.
Division B, Article 9.23.15.5.	Division B, Article 9.23.14.5.
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National’s 2020 Building Code References	Ontario’s 2012 Building Code References
Division A, Subsection 1.2.1.	Division A, Subsection 1.2.1.
Division A, Clause 1.2.1.1.(1)(a)	Division A, Clause 1.2.1.1.(1)(a)
Division A, Clause 1.2.1.1.(1)(b)	Division A, Clause 1.2.1.1.(1)(b)
Division B, Article 9.3.2.9.	Division B, Article 9.3.2.9.
Division B, Clause 9.3.2.9.(1)(b)	Division B, Clause 9.3.2.9.(1)(b)
Division B, Clause 9.3.2.9.(3)(a)	Division B, Sentence 9.3.2.9.(3)
Division B, Article 9.4.3.1.	Division B, Article 9.4.3.1.
Division B, Article 9.8.9.6.	Division B, Article 9.8.9.6.
Division B, Article 9.23.3.1.	Division B, Article 9.23.3.1.
Division B, Article 9.23.15.5.	Division B, Article 9.23.14.5.
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- (e) Where a building permit is issued to construct the **Tropics Deckboard**, a certificate of compliance, prepared by the installer of this product, shall be submitted to the principal authority, as defined in the *Building Code Act, 1992*, and the homeowner; the certificate shall contain a minimum of the following information:
- (i) confirmation that the product **Tropics Deckboard** was installed in accordance with CCMC Evaluation No. 14154-R,
 - (ii) name and contact information of the certifier,
 - (iii) the address of the installation, and
 - (iv) Minister's Ruling number;
- (f) Where the **Tropics Deckboard** is installed by the homeowner, the homeowner shall submit to the principal authority a certificate of compliance containing the information specified in 3(e):
- (g) The certificate of compliance for **Tropics Deckboard**, referred to in 3(e) above, shall be dated and signed by the installer;
- (h) This Ruling is valid only for products manufactured at the facilities outlined in Section 2. (Manufacturing Facilities) of this Ruling.

4. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- (a) The Manufacturer specified in Section 1 shall notify the Ministry without delay of any change made to the Evaluation. A change to the Evaluation includes the Evaluation having expired or having been modified, revised, re-evaluated, amended, rendered void, or withdrawn.
- (b) The Minister or his/her delegate may amend or revoke this Ruling if:
- (i) the Manufacturer specified in Section 1 fails to notify the Ministry of any change made to the Evaluation, as required by Section 4.(a);
 - (ii) the Evaluation is modified, revised, re-evaluated, or amended by the CCMC;
 - (iii) the Evaluation expires;
 - (iv) the Evaluation is rendered void;
 - (v) the Evaluation is withdrawn;
 - (vi) the Minister or his/her delegate determines that the use of the material, system or building design authorized by this Ruling:
 - 1. will not comply with the *Building Code Act, 1992*, or any relevant law as they may be amended or re-enacted from time to time;

2. provides an unsatisfactory level of performance, in situ; or
 3. may pose a danger to health or safety; or
- (vii) any provision of the Building Code relevant to this Ruling is amended or remade.

Dated at Toronto this 6th of August 2024



Mansoor Mahmood
Director, Building and Development Branch

The official version of this Ruling of the Minister of Municipal Affairs is the signed original in the Ministry's file. In the event of a question about content, the original in the office file takes precedence.