
Notice of Change to Certification Requirements

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Description of Proposed Change:

The references to ANSI/BIFMA M7.1-2007 and ANSI/BIFMA 7.1-2007 in GGTM.P066, "Standard Method for Measuring and Evaluating Chemical Emissions from Building Materials, Finishes and Furnishings Using Dynamic Environmental Chambers," GGPS.001, "GREENGUARD IAQ Standard for Building Materials, Finishes and Furnishings" and GGPS.002, "GREENGUARD Children & SchoolsSM Standard" will be updated to the May 2011 revised versions, ANSI/BIFMA M7.1-2011 and ANSI/BIFMA 7.1-2011. Specific changes are:

1. Seating and Classroom Furniture – No change to current test method or certification criteria.
2. Workstations (Commercial Office Furniture) – No change to current test method or certification criteria. The environment, private office or open plan, under which the criteria are met will be documented on GREENGUARD certificates.
3. Individual Furniture Items (Commercial Office Furniture) – Changes will be made to the surface area calculations in the current test method. The GREENGUARD criteria will change from the currently used ½ allowable workstation concentration criteria to the emission factor criteria in ANSI/BIFMA X7.1-2011 for GREENGUARD IAQ Certification and in ANSI/BIFMA e3-2010 for GREENGUARD Children & Schools Certification. The environment, private office or open plan, under which the criteria are met will be documented on GREENGUARD certificates.

Appropriate revisions for measurement requirements will be made to the GREENGUARD test method, GGTM.P066.

Rationale:

It is GREENGUARD's policy to incorporate the most up-to-date test methodology into the GREENGUARD Certification Programs and help meet current market demands.