



# COMPOSITE PANEL ASSOCIATION

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### **ANSI APPROVES REVISED STANDARDS FOR PARTICLEBOARD AND MDF; CARB EMISSION CEILINGS EMBRACED**

**Leesburg, VA – March 10, 2009** – The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) has approved revised national voluntary standards for ANSI A208.1-2009 Particleboard and ANSI A208.2-2009 MDF for Interior Applications. Sponsored by the Composite Panel Association (CPA), the standards include new grades as well as harmonization with the formaldehyde emission ceilings and other requirements recently enacted by the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

“After a multi-year initiative, these standards were approved using consensus procedures of due process, openness and balanced participation of interested stakeholders. More than 120 organizations were invited to participate in the revision process, including panel producers, customers, government, academia and research institutions,” said Gary Heroux, CPA’s Vice President of Product Acceptance. “The standards provide an excellent example of the composite panel industry’s commitment to producing high quality, safe products that meet today’s market demands.”

The revised standards are now available in the publications section of CPA’s web site.

Founded in 1960, the Composite Panel Association (CPA) is dedicated to advancing the North American wood-based panel and decorative surfacing industries. CPA represents both industries on technical, regulatory, quality assurance and product acceptance issues.

CPA General Members include the leading manufacturers of particleboard, medium density fiberboard (MDF) and hardboard, representing about 95% of North American manufacturing capacity.

CPA Associate Members include manufacturers of decorative surfaces, furniture, cabinets, mouldings, doors and equipment, along with laminators, distributors, industry media and adhesive suppliers. All are committed to product advancement and industry competitiveness.

Print copies are available for purchase. Click to order: [ANSI A208.1-2009 Particleboard](#) or [ANSI A208.2-2009 MDF for Interior Applications](#).

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