CLEAF

Lissone, 19th September 2025

Conformity with
EU Regulation 2023/1464 of 17/07/2023

Dear Partner,

We are pleased to confirm that all our wood-based products will fully comply with the requirements of EU Regulation 2023/1464 of 17/07/2023 by the date of application, i.e. 6th August 2026. The Regulation amends Annex XVII of REACH, introducing Entry 77, which imposes new restrictions on formaldehyde and releasing products, and describes in Appendix 14 the test methods required to assess compliance. We welcome this measure, as the European Institutions has finally achieved a new fundamental sustainability goal: halving the maximum levels of formaldehyde emissions in the environments in which we live, work and study.

In fact, our wood-based products have been substantially complying with EU Regulation 2023/1464 for years, as we guarantee conformity with German Regulation BAnz AT26.11.2018 B2. The emission limit of this Regulation empirically corresponds to half the E1 class limit imposed by the EU to date (and adopted in Italy with DM 10/10/2008). For the sake of simplicity, panels that comply with BAnz AT26.11.2018 B2 are defined as "class E ½" or "E05" (although the term "E1" is the only official term). This means that the result of a test made with EN 16516 is ultimately equivalent to a test performed in accordance with EN 717-1 but with a halved limit because the test conditions of formaldehyde emissions inside testing chamber are much more severe in EN 16516 than EN 717-1.

What will change then?
Essentially nothing.
The new restriction is self-certified like the previous one. So we just need to validate the current status.
We will soon implement the wording "compliant with EU Regulation 2023/1464" on labels and accompanying documentation, in addition to the current wording. After 6th August 2026, the expired statements (E1, BAnz and DM 10/10/2008) will be removed. When the EN 13986 standard is updated, the label and statements required by CE marking will be accordingly adjusted.

Thank you for your attention.

With best regards

Cleaf Spa
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