

The following products have generic product listings that can be used by manufacturers when applying for a BML listing under California's code requirements for Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) areas.

Generic Wood Product Category	Species
Wood Decking Minimum nominal 5/4" thick and nominal 6" wide	Redwood Western Red Cedar Incense Cedar Port Orford Cedar Alaska Yellow Cedar
Exterior Wall Siding and Sheathing Tongued & Grooved Shiplap, Channel Shiplap, V Shiplap, Log Cabin Nominal 1 x 6 Horizontal and vertical applications	Redwood Western Red Cedar Incense Cedar Port Orford Cedar Alaska Yellow Cedar Ponderosa Pine Douglas Fir White Fir Western Spruce
Exterior Wall Siding and Sheathing Tongued & Grooved Shiplap, Channel Shiplap, V Shiplap (Edge Vee One Side) Nominal 1 x 4 Horizontal and vertical applications	Redwood Western Red Cedar Incense Cedar Port Orford Cedar Alaska Yellow Cedar
Exterior Wall Siding and Sheathing Rabbeted Bevel Nominal 1 x 6 Horizontal applications	Redwood Western Red Cedar Incense Cedar Port Orford Cedar Alaska Yellow Cedar
Exterior Wall Siding and Sheathing Board and Batten Minimum nominal 1 x 8 boards (applied with 1.25" thick battens) Vertical application	Redwood Western Red Cedar Incense Cedar Port Orford Cedar Alaska Yellow Cedar
Exterior Wall Siding and Sheathing Board on Board Minimum nominal 1 x 8 (applied with 3/4" thick x 3.5" wide plywood inserts between boards) Vertical application	Redwood Western Red Cedar Incense Cedar Port Orford Cedar Alaska Yellow Cedar



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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

WUI Regulations

Changes to California's and other states' building codes affect wood products used in Wildland Urban Interface areas.



In 2008, California introduced new fire regulations for exterior features of single and multi-family homes built in Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) areas. (A WUI area can generally be defined as a transition area where houses and wildland vegetation coincide). Since then, other states such as Colorado and Oregon have adopted their own WUI fire regulations.

In California, five building product categories that encompass lumber and wood products, including wood siding and decking, became subject to new fire performance regulations. Manufacturers shipping these products into the California market must register their products with California's Office of the Fire Marshall (OSFM). Once registered, the products involved must carry labeling, on the product itself or on the packaging, indicating that the products are acceptable for use in WUI areas.

Failure to comply with this registration and labeling requirement could result in your products being rejected by building officials in California WUI areas.

WHO IS AFFECTED?

Primary manufacturers, remanufacturers and distributors whose products are sold into certain California markets are affected by the changes.

WHAT PRODUCTS MUST BE REGISTERED?

Building products that fall into one of the following five categories must be registered in the BML program:

- Exterior siding and wall sheathing
- Exterior windows
- Under eave products
- Decking
- Roof coverings

Many commonly used wood products have been approved by OSFM through six generic wood product listings. See the chart on the back panel for a specific list of the generic product listings that have been approved.

Products that are similar to those in the chart, but fall outside the sizes and species listed, may require separate burn tests to be performed before they will be accepted into the BML program.

WHAT STEPS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLY?

Manufacturers and remanufacturers of products included in one of the five building product categories must:

- Apply for a product listing with California's Office of the State Fire Marshall. If the product falls under one or more of the six generic product categories (see chart on back), the generic listing can be used.
- Have an agreement with an OSFM-approved, third-party quality control agency such as PLIB, and
- Mark their products with an approved quality control logo (either directly on the product or on the paper wrap or bundle tag).

PLIB is an approved third-party quality control agency for this program; the quality control requirement is included as part of our grading services.

If you are a remanufacturer, you may need to subscribe to a grading service in order to have your products listed—the BML program specifically requires a third-party inspection service be utilized.

If you are a distributor selling into California, you may want to check to see that the products you are shipping into the State meet the qualifications—builders affected by red tags resulting from the program will likely turn to their dealers for help; those dealers will look to their wholesalers.