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PFS TECO Status Update on Plywood Coalition Lawsuit

Cottage Grove, WI, USA (November 13, 2020) — In September 2019, the U.S. Structural Plywood Coalition, a newly formed group of ten U.S. plywood manufacturers filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida against PFS TECO, Timber Products Inspection, Inc (“TPI”), and International Accreditation Services, Inc. (“IAS”). Since the inception of the lawsuit, PFS TECO has denied and continues to deny the allegations of improper certification practices asserted against it by the Coalition. Additionally, PFS TECO has vigorously defended its certifications, policies, procedures, and reputation in the industry.

An update from our June 10, 2020 New Release:

- On June 5, 2020, Plaintiffs filed a motion for preliminary injunction seeking to have the Court revoke the PS 1 certifications issued by PFS TECO and TPI to Brazilian structural plywood manufacturers.
- On October 7, 2020, the Court held an all-day evidentiary hearing on the plaintiff’s motion for preliminary injunction.
- On November 6, 2020, the Court issued its ruling denying the motion for preliminary injunction. This order denying Plaintiffs’ motion for preliminary injunctions means that the PS 1 certifications of Brazilian plywood manufacturers will not be revoked prior to the trial. Rather, the legal process continues, and the trial on the merits of the case is scheduled for the summer of 2021. Again, PFS TECO is actively working to defend its policies and reputation.

PFS TECO has been serving the structural wood products industry since 1933, and specifically the plywood industry in the U.S. since 1958. We thank you for your continued support and trust in PFS TECO.

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