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Flame Retardant Materials

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Subject: Security Feature Announcement

ITW Formex is pleased to inform you that we are responding to customer requests requesting readily identifiable materials and components - as specified in their designs. We will be including an authentication feature in the form of a slightly raised (embossed) "ITW Formex[®]" Logo on one surface of our products.

The Logo can barely be seen and will provide our customers with an increased level of security - by assuring production and quality personnel that authentic Formex products are in use throughout the supply chain. Incorporating this important feature adds value and significantly reduces the risk of substituting unauthorized/inferior products.

The Logo will appear on one side of the material only. It is designed to allow customers to validate authenticity of the material throughout the supply chain avoiding the need for expensive time-consuming testing and investigation.

The Logo is raised approximately 0.0009" (0.022 mm) and is repeated across the surface of the material in order to be visible on nearly any size part. The Logo will be provided on all Formex[™] GK, Formex[™] and Statex[™] products - except :
Formex GK-5BK .005"(.127mm) Formex GK-160 (4mm) & Formex GK-240 (6mm) panel products.

Materials with the Logo are fully compliant with all ITW Formex product specifications including Underwriters Laboratory Recognition (UL Yellow Card file no. E121855).

Various samples are enclosed in addition to a list of FAQs which will answer many of your questions.

Please contact your Regional Manager or our Customer Service Department at (630) 315-2212 if you have any questions or need additional samples.

Thank you for your continued support of the ITW Formex program.

Sincerely,

Your ITW Formex Team

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ITW Formex Security Feature Frequently Asked Questions:

1.) Will all Formex products have the Logo?

The Logo will be provided on all Formex™ GK, Formex™ and Statex™ products - except Formex GK-5BK .005"(.127mm) Formex GK-160 (4mm) & Formex GK-240 (6mm) panel products.

2.) When will products with the Logo be available?

Sampling will begin in December 2012 with production implementation to commence in Q1-2013.

Current inventories of existing materials will be used up before the Logo-marked material is shipped on purchase order requirements. ITW Formex uses FIFO inventory management procedures. Individual Formex™ & Statex™ product transition times may be different based on supply chain dynamics. Further details of timing will be advised during Q1-2013.

3.) Will I receive the Logo automatically when available?

Yes. This is a "running change" and our part numbers for Logo-marked materials will not change. You may continue to order as usual and Logo-marked materials will ship as soon as they are available.

4.) Will products without the Logo be available?

Products without the Logo will be classified as special products as soon as Logo-marked production implementation is completed. Later, orders for non-Logo marked products will be handled as special products & will be subject to minimum purchase requirements and extended lead times.

5.) Does the Logo meet Underwriters Laboratory requirements?

Yes ! ITW Formex undergoes stringent Underwriters Laboratory Follow Up Services testing to confirm that all material is compliant with all specifications per our UL Yellow Card, file no. E121855.

6.) Will the Logo affect adhesive and printing?

Either side of the material may be used for printing and/or adhesive. The embossed height is approximately 0.0009" (0.022mm).

7.) What side of the material is the Logo located on?

The Logo is located on the inside of Formex™ GK materials supplied in roll form and the bottom of materials supplied in sheet form. Statex™ materials will have the Logo on the ESD (black line-marked) side – which is wound toward the inside of the roll.