



The Contaminated Drywall Safety Act

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- ❖ Contaminated Chinese-manufactured drywall was imported and used in home construction from approximately 2001-2009.
- ❖ Scientific studies have shown this drywall to cause a corrosive environment for fire alarm systems, electrical distribution systems, gas piping, and refrigeration coils.
- ❖ The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has received reports of contaminated Chinese drywall in more than 3,600 homes in 38 states and several U.S. territories.
- ❖ The Chinese manufacturers, some of which are state owned, have refused to submit to the jurisdiction of U.S. courts.
- ❖ Reports from homeowners indicate that some contaminated drywall may be entering the recycling stream for use in new home construction or renovation.
- ❖ This legislation:
 - Expresses the sense of Congress that the Secretary of State should insist that the government of China force manufacturers to submit to the jurisdiction of U.S. courts;
 - Declares Chinese-manufactured drywall to be a banned hazardous substance in accordance with the Consumer Product Safety Act while still allowing the CPSC flexibility to exempt manufacturers of non-hazardous drywall from the ban; and
 - Requires the CPSC to issue regulations on the disposal of Chinese drywall and create a standard test to identify such drywall.
- ❖ Original Co-Sponsors (beyond the Hampton Roads Congressional Delegation) include Representatives Ted Deutch (D-FL), Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL), Alcee L. Hastings (D-FL), Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL), Corrine Brown (D-FL), and Bill Posey (R-FL).

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