

DIVISION: 06 00 00—WOOD, PLASTICS AND COMPOSITES
Section: 06 05 73.13—Fire-Retardant Wood Treatment

REPORT HOLDER:

CHEMCO, INC.

EVALUATION SUBJECT:

FRX, SAFERWOOD-FX AND THERMEX-FR FIRE-RETARDANT-TREATED WOOD PRODUCTS

ADDITIONAL LISTEE:

FSR TREATMENT, INC.

1.0 EVALUATION SCOPE

Compliance with the following codes:

- 2018, 2015, 2012, 2009 and 2006 *International Building Code*® (IBC)
- 2018, 2015, 2012, 2009 and 2006 *International Residential Code*® (IRC)
- 2013 *Abu Dhabi International Building Code* (ADIBC)[†]

[†]The ADIBC is based on the 2009 IBC. 2009 IBC code sections referenced in this report are the same sections in the ADIBC.

- Other Codes (see Section 8.0)

Properties evaluated:

- Structural
- Durability
- Surface-burning characteristics
- Hygroscopic properties
- Corrosion

2.0 USES

Chemco, Inc., FRX, SaferWood-FX and Thermex-FR fire-retardant-treated wood are used in interior and exterior applications (exposed to weather, damp or wet locations), as permitted by IBC Section 603.1 and IRC Section R802.

3.0 DESCRIPTION

3.1 General:

The Chemco, Inc., FRX, SaferWood-FX and Thermex-FR fire-retardant-treated wood are solid sawn lumber and plywood pressure-impregnated with Chemco's fire-retardant chemicals in accordance with approved quality control procedures at the facility listed in Section 5.8 of this report.

FRX, SaferWood-FX and Thermex-FR fire-retardant-treated lumber may be one of the following species: structural-grade southern pine, Douglas fir, Spruce-pine-fir, western red cedar or Redwood. FRX, SaferWood-FX and Thermex-FR fire-retardant-treated plywood fabricated with face and back veneers of the following species are recognized as being fire-retardant-treated wood: structural-grade southern yellow pine, Douglas fir, white spruce, western red cedar or western hem-fir. The plywood is Structural I grade, exterior plywood complying with PS1.

3.2 Flame Spread:

FRX, SaferWood-FX and Thermex-FR fire-retardant-treated lumber and plywood have a flame-spread index of 25 or less and a smoke-developed index of 450 or less when tested in accordance with ASTM E84 as modified by Section 2303.2 of the IBC, Section R802.1.5 of the 2018 and 2015 IRC, or Section R802.1.3 of the 2012, 2009, and 2006 IRC.

3.3 Structural Strength:

The structural performance of FRX, SaferWood-FX and Thermex-FR fire-retardant wood products has been evaluated using ASTM D5516 and D6305 for plywood and ASTM D5664 and D6841 for lumber. The effects of the FRX, SaferWood-FX and Thermex-FR fire-retardant-treated treatment on the strength of the treated lumber and plywood must be accounted for in the design of wood members and their connections.

3.3.1 Lumber: The strength and stiffness design properties of lumber treated with FRX, SaferWood-FX and Thermex-FR fire-retardant chemicals used in applications at ambient temperatures up to 100°F (38°C) are subject to the design value adjustment factors shown in Table 1.

The strength and stiffness design properties of lumber, when treated with FRX, SaferWood-FX and Thermex-FR fire-retardant chemicals that are subject to elevated temperatures up to 150°F (66°C), are subject to the design value adjustment factors shown in Table 2.

3.3.2 Plywood: The maximum allowable live loads and spans for FRX, SaferWood-FX and Thermex-FR fire-retardant-treated plywood for roof applications given in Table 3 applicable to all species in Section 3.1.

3.4 Corrosion:

The corrosion rate of the metals specified in Section 2304.10.5 of the 2018 and 2015 IBC, Section 2304.9.5 of the 2012, 2009 and 2006 IBC, Section R317.3 of the 2018, 2015, 2012, and 2009 IRC, or Section R319.3 of the 2006 IRC, in contact lumber treated with FRX, SaferWood-FX and Thermex-FR fire-retardant-treated wood products, is not increased by the treatment. For interior applications, where

there is no potential moisture present, the products recognized in this evaluation report may be used with uncoated metals. For all other applications, where there is a potential of moisture, the products must be used with coated metals or as otherwise required by the applicable code.

3.5 Hygroscopicity:

FRX, SaferWood-FX and Thermex-FR fire-retardant-treated wood products are suitable for interior conditions where sustained relative humidity is 92 percent or less and condensation does not occur.

4.0 DESIGN AND INSTALLATION

4.1 General:

Structural systems that include FRX, SaferWood-FX and Thermex-FR fire-retardant-treated wood must be designed and installed in accordance with the applicable code, using the appropriate lumber design value adjustment factors and allowable total sheathing loads as set forth in this section (Section 4.1).

The effects of FRX, SaferWood-FX and Thermex-FR fire-retardant treatment on the strength of the treated lumber and plywood must be accounted for in the design of wood members and their connections. Ventilation, when required, must be provided in accordance with the applicable code.

The strength and stiffness design properties of lumber, when treated with FRX, SaferWood-FX and Thermex-FR fire-retardant chemicals and used in applications at service temperatures up to 100°F (38°C), are subject to the adjustment factors as set forth in Table 1.

The strength and stiffness design properties of lumber, when treated with FRX, SaferWood-FX and Thermex-FR fire-retardant chemicals and used in applications at service temperatures up to 150°F (66°C), are subject to the adjustment factors as set forth in Table 2.

The allowable load and span properties of plywood, when treated with FRX, SaferWood-FX and Thermex-FR fire-retardant chemicals and used in roof applications at service temperatures up to 170°F (77°C), are subject to the span and load limitations as set forth in Table 3.

4.2 Fasteners:

Fasteners used with FRX, SaferWood-FX and Thermex-FR fire-retardant-treated wood must be manufactured from the materials specified in Section 2304.10.5 of the 2018 and 2015 IBC, Section 2304.9.5 of the 2012, 2009 and 2006 IBC, Section R317.3 of the 2018, 2015, 2012 and 2009 IRC, or Section R319.3 of the 2006 IRC, and are subject to the design value adjustment factors indicated in Table 1 and Table 2.

5.0 CONDITIONS OF USE

The FRX, SaferWood-FX and Thermex-FR fire-retardant-treated wood products described in this report comply with, or are suitable alternatives to what is specified in, those codes listed in Section 1.0 of this report, subject to the following conditions:

- 5.1 The products are manufactured, identified and installed in accordance with this report and the manufacturer's published installation instructions. If there are any conflicts between the manufacturer's published installation instructions and this report, this report governs.
- 5.2 Strength calculations must be subject to the design value adjustment factors and span and load values shown in Tables 1, 2 and 3.
- 5.3 The design value adjustment factors and span and

load values given in this report must only be used for unincised dimensional lumber and plywood of the species noted in this report.

- 5.4 The fire-retardant-treated wood must not be used in contact with the ground.
- 5.5 The fire-retardant-treated lumber must not be ripped or milled, since this will alter the surface-burning characteristics and invalidate the flame-spread classification.
- 5.6 Exposure to precipitation during storage or installation must be avoided. If material does become wet, it must be replaced or permitted to dry (maximum 19 percent moisture content for lumber and 15 percent moisture content for plywood) prior to covering or enclosure by wallboard or other construction materials (except for protection during construction).
- 5.7 The design value adjustment factors for lumber in Tables 1 and 2, and plywood allowable loads and spans in Table 3 of this report, are applicable under elevated temperatures resulting from cyclic climatic conditions. They are not applicable under continuous elevated temperatures resulting from manufacturing or other processes which require special consideration in design, which is not within the scope of this report.
- 5.8 The FRX, SaferWood-FX and Thermex-FR lumber and plywood are treated in Ferndale, WA under a quality control program with inspections by ICC-ES and Fire Tech Services, Inc. (AA-641).

6.0 EVIDENCE SUBMITTED

Data in accordance with the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Fire-retardant-treated Wood (AC66), dated June 2015 (editorially revised April 2018).

7.0 IDENTIFICATION

- 7.1 Lumber and plywood treated with FRX, SaferWood-FX and Thermex-FR fire-retardant chemicals shall be identified by the structural grade mark of an approved agency. In addition, all treated lumber and plywood must be stamped with the name of the inspection agency (Fire Tech Services, Inc.); the Chemco, Inc. name and address; the name of the fire-retardant treatment; the species of wood treated; the flame-spread and smoke-developed indices; the treating date and method of drying after treatment; and the evaluation report number (ESR-1159). Additionally, the treated lumber and plywood must be identified with the words "Exterior" and/or "Interior" (see Figure 1 for typical labels).
- 7.2 The report holder's contact information is the following:

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8.0 OTHER CODE

8.1 Evaluation Scope:

In addition to the codes referenced in Section 1.0, the products described in this report were evaluated for compliance with the requirements of the 1997 *Uniform Building Code*™ (UBC). The products comply with the UBC as noted below.

8.2 Uses:

See Section 2.0, except use and application must be in accordance with Section 601 of the UBC.

8.3 Description:

See Section 3.0. FRX, SaferWood-FX and Thermex-FR fire-retardant-treated lumber and plywood have a flame-spread index of 25 or less and a smoke developed index of 450 or less when tested in accordance with UBC Standard 8-1 and UBC Section 207.

8.4 Installation:

See Section 4.0, except fasteners must comply with UBC Section 2304.3.

8.5 Conditions of Use:

See Section 5.0.

8.6 Evidence Submitted:

See Section 6.0.

8.7 Identification:

See Section 7.0.

TABLE 1—DESIGN VALUE ADJUSTMENT FACTORS FOR FRX, SAFERWOOD-FX AND THERMEX-FR FIRE-RETARDANT-TREATED LUMBER COMPARED TO UNTREATED LUMBER [APPLICABLE AT SERVICE TEMPERATURES UP TO 100°F (38°C)]¹

PROPERTY	SPECIES			
	SOUTHERN PINE	DOUGLAS FIR	SPRUCE-PINE -FIR	WESTERN RED CEDAR/REDWOOD
Bending MOR	0.81	0.99	0.94	0.81
Bending MOE	0.97	1.0	1.0	0.97
Tension Parallel to Grain	0.76	0.80	0.88	0.76
Shear Parallel to Grain	0.95	0.95	0.89	0.89
Compression Parallel to Grain	1.0	1.0	0.94	0.94
Compression Perpendicular to Grain	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95
Fasteners/connectors	0.90	0.90	0.89	0.89

¹Duration of load adjustments for snow loads, seven-day (construction) loads, and wind loads specified in the IBC are permissible.

TABLE 2—DESIGN VALUE ADJUSTMENT FACTORS FOR FRX, SAFERWOOD-FX AND THERMEX-FR FIRE-RETARDANT-TREATED LUMBER COMPARED TO UNTREATED LUMBER [APPLICABLE AT SERVICE TEMPERATURES UP TO 150°F (66°C)]

PROPERTY	SPECIES											
	SOUTHERN PINE			DOUGLAS-FIR			SPRUCE-PINE-FIR			WESTERN RED CEDAR/REDWOOD		
	CLIMATE ZONE			CLIMATE ZONE			CLIMATE ZONE			CLIMATE ZONE		
	1A	1B	2	1A	1B	2	1A	1B	2	1A	1B	2
Bending MOR	0.24	0.47	0.73	0.84	0.90	0.97	0.76	0.84	0.91	0.24	0.47	0.73
Bending MOE	0.94	0.95	0.97	0.95	0.99	1.0	0.99	1.0	1.0	0.94	0.95	0.97
Tension Parallel to Grain	0.34	0.54	0.71	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.65	0.77	0.87	0.34	0.54	0.71
Shear Parallel to Grain	0.51	0.73	0.91	0.83	0.91	0.98	0.65	0.77	0.89	0.51	0.73	0.89
Compression Parallel to Grain	0.56	0.78	0.96	0.84	0.92	0.99	0.70	0.82	0.94	0.56	0.78	0.94
Compression Perpendicular to Grain,	0.95			0.95			0.95			0.95		
Fasteners/connectors	0.51	0.73	0.91	0.83	0.90	0.90	0.65	0.77	0.89	0.51	0.73	0.89

Climate Zone definitions:

- Zone 1—Where minimum roof live load or maximum ground snow load ≤ 20 psf (960 Pa)
- Zone 1A—Southwest Arizona, southeast Nevada (Las Vegas, Yuma-Phoenix-Tucson triangle)
- Zone 1B—All other qualifying areas on the continental United States
- Zone 2—Minimum ground snow load ≥ 20 psf (960 Pa)

TABLE 3—ALLOWABLE LIVE LOADS FOR ROOF SHEATHING (PSF) FOR FRX , SAFERWOOD-FX AND THERMEX-FR FIRE-RETARDANT-TREATED PLYWOOD APPLICABLE UP TO 170°F (77°C)

CLIMATE ZONE 1A

Thickness (inch)	SPAN (inches)									
	12	16	19.2	24	30	32	36	40	48	60
5/16	64	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3/8	105	55	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15/32, 1/2	154	82	54	31	-	-	-	-	-	-
19/32, 5/8	247	135	91	54	31	-	-	-	-	-
23/32, 3/4	314	172	116	71	42	35	-	-	-	-
7/8	397	219	149	92	55	47	-	-	-	-
1	533	296	202	126	77	66	38	-	-	-
1 1/8	676	376	258	161	100	86	51	39	-	-

CLIMATE ZONE 1B

Thickness (inch)	SPAN (inches)									
	12	16	19.2	24	30	32	36	40	48	60
5/16	105	55	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3/8	158	80	49	34	-	-	-	-	-	-
15/32, 1/2	244	133	89	54	31	-	-	-	-	-
19/32, 5/8	388	214	146	90	54	46	-	-	-	-
23/32, 3/4	490	271	185	115	70	60	35	-	-	-
7/8	619	344	236	147	91	78	46	35	-	-
1	830	463	318	200	124	108	65	50	-	-
1 1/8	1051	587	404	255	160	139	84	66	43	-

CLIMATE ZONE 2

Thickness (inch)	SPAN (inches)									
	12	16	19.2	24	30	32	36	40	48	60
5/16	157	84	55	32	-	-	-	-	-	-
3/8	248	135	91	55	31	-	-	-	-	-
15/32, 1/2	359	198	134	82	49	42	-	-	-	-
19/32, 5/8	568	315	216	135	83	71	41	-	-	-
23/32, 3/4	717	399	274	172	106	92	55	42	-	-
7/8	903	504	347	218	136	118	71	56	36	-
1	1210	676	507	295	185	162	98	78	51	-
1 1/8	1530	856	592	375	236	207	127	101	67	39

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 psf = 47.9 N/m²

NOTES:

1. Fastener size and spacing must be as required in the applicable code for untreated plywood of the same thickness.
2. Plywood must be Structural I grade, exterior plywood.
3. Live loads in table are based on plywood panel size of 4' by 8' with plywood face grain across (perpendicular to) the supports.
4. Tabulated loads are based on bending. Live loads for Zone 1A are based on duration of load adjustment for 7-day (construction loads) of 1.25. Tabulated loads for Zone 1B and Zone 2 are based on duration of load adjustment for snow of 1.15.
5. A dead load of 10 psf was used to determine the allowable live loads.
6. Span not to exceed pre-treatment span rating.
7. Chemco does not recommend 5/16" or 3/8" panel thicknesses for roofing applications.

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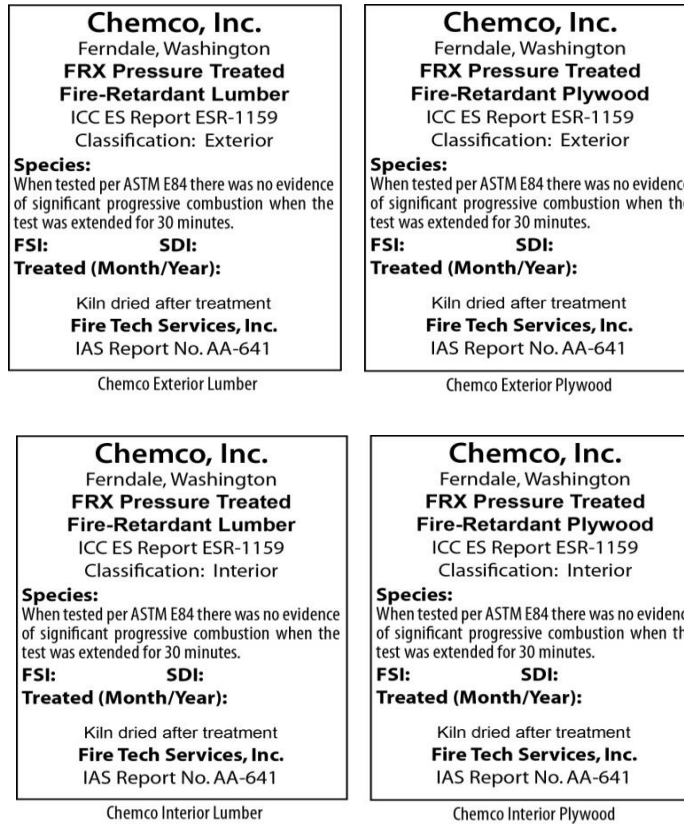


FIGURE 1—TYPICAL LABELS FOR FRX, SAFERWOOD-FX AND THERMEX-FR FIRE-RETARDANT LUMBER AND PLYWOOD

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1.0 REPORT PURPOSE AND SCOPE**Purpose:**

The purpose of this evaluation report supplement is to indicate that FRX, Saferwood-FX and Thermex-FR fire-retardant-treated wood, recognized in ICC-ES evaluation report ESR-1159, has also been evaluated for compliance with the codes noted below:

Applicable code editions:

- 2019 *California Building Code* (CBC)

For evaluation of applicable chapters adopted by the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) and Division of State Architect (DSA), see Sections 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 below:

- 2019 *California Residential Code* (CRC)

2.0 CONCLUSIONS**2.1 CBC:**

The FRX, Saferwood-FX and Thermex-FR fire-retardant-treated wood, described in Sections 2.0 through 7.0 of the evaluation report ESR-1159, complies with CBC, provided the design and installation are in accordance with the 2018 and *International Building Code*® (IBC) provisions, as applicable, noted in the evaluation report.

The FRX, Saferwood-FX and Thermex-FR fire-retardant-treated wood has not been evaluated under CBC Chapter 7A, for use in the exterior design and construction of new buildings located in a Fire Hazard Severity Zone within a State Responsibility Area or any Wildland–Urban Interface Fire Area.

2.1.1 OSHPD:

The applicable OSHPD Sections of the CBC are beyond the scope of this supplement.

2.1.2 DSA:

The applicable DSA Sections of the CBC are beyond the scope of this supplement.

2.2 CRC:

The FRX, Saferwood-FX and Thermex-FR fire-retardant-treated wood, described in Sections 2.0 through 7.0 of the evaluation report ESR-1159, complies with the CRC, provided the design and installation are in accordance with the 2018 *International Residential Code*® (IRC) provisions, as applicable, noted in the evaluation report.

The FRX, Saferwood-FX and Thermex-FR fire-retardant-treated wood has not been evaluated under CRC Section R337, for use in the exterior design and construction of new buildings located in a Fire Hazard Severity Zone within a State Responsibility Area or any Wildland–Urban Interface Fire Area.

The FRX, Saferwood-FX and Thermex-FR fire-retardant-treated wood recognized in this supplement have not been evaluated for compliance with the *International Wildland–Urban Interface Code*®.

This supplement expires concurrently with the evaluation report ESR-1159, reissued May 2020.