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Scientific Certification Systems Represents US on International Standards Unification Panel

SCS seeks indoor air quality label harmonization in information-sharing event with major European certifiers



September 11, 2009 - Emeryville, CA – SCS, an international certification body for products with low chemical emissions, continues its pursuit of leadership standards by joining a panel of international experts to address US and European indoor emissions testing and certification protocols.

"The proliferation of ecolabels in recent years is filling market shelves with a multitude of competing claims. Add to that the fact that each country is a microcosm of the global problem and you realize that there is some harmonization to do," comments Stowe Hartridge-Beam, SCS's panelist and manager of indoor air quality certification programs.

The panel, the first of its kind to share information between USA and Europe, will compare test protocols and emissions limits used in the United States, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, France and more. The group hopes to coordinate laboratory testing requirements and outline a set of unified protocols, so that a manufacturer may truthfully tout its products as a "low-emitting material" in countries on both sides of the Atlantic.

The discussion will take place Tuesday, September 15, 2009, at [Healthy Buildings 2009](#), an international indoor air quality conference being held this year in Syracuse, New York. Attracting delegates from all over the globe, Healthy Buildings is a unique forum for those working on the pressing global challenge of making buildings healthy, energy efficient, and sustainable.

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