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To Whom It May Concern

In September 2024 the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), proposed new updates to Approved Document B (Fire Safety) to enhance fire safety. The update to guidance removes the National Classification System (BS476) for reaction to fire and roofs from Approved Document B. The European Standard (BSEN) has been deemed more current and robust than the National classes and will therefore be the sole route of specification within Approved Document B for reaction to fire and roofs classifications. In brief, this means that fire performing door sets will need to meet the requirements of BSEN1634 by September 2029.

In response we can advise that Pacific Rim Wood Ltd., have embarked on a comprehensive test programme to gain fire certification to BSEN1634 and in turn certification for smoke sealing and PAS24 security performance.

MHCLG have permitted a five-year transitional period from September 2024 to September 2029 to establish relevant BSEN1634 test evidence. We can advise that to date we have subjected both Flamebreak FD30 and Flamebreak FD60 to the requirements of BSEN1634 with positive results which are available on our website www.flamebreaktechnical.com in the "Downloads" section. These initial tests are the first tests and steps to building a comprehensive stable of BSEN1634 test evidence to support the range of Flamebreak door blanks. However extensive testing takes time in respect of fabrication, sampling audits, pretest documentation, and then also securing the furnace to conduct the test and report writing, which is why MHCLG have provided a five-year transitional period.

We can confirm that we are committed to establishing a comprehensive suite of test evidence in support of Flamebreak and this is an ongoing process. We will update successful test certification as it becomes available in the months and years to come and within the five-year transition period.

At the same time, we remain committed to both maintaining and enhancing our existing BS476 part 22 test evidence and Field of Application reports and certification that support this National Classification.

We remain committed to the Flamebreak brand but please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further clarification.