### DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT Housing - Federal Housing Commissioner

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TO: DIRECTORS, SINGLE FAMILY HOCS DIRECTORS, MULTIFAMILY HUBS

**ISSUE DATE** 

April 28, 2010

**REVIEW DATE** 

April 28, 2013

SUBJECT: 1. Product Cut Pile Carpet Made From Polyester Staple Yarn

2. Name and address of Manufacturer

Beaulieu of America P. O. Box 1248 Dalton, GA 30722-1248

Data on the nonstandard product described herein have been reviewed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and determination has been made that it is considered suitable from a technical standpoint for the use indicated herein. This Release does not purport to establish a comparative quality or value rating for this product as compared to standard products normally used in the same manner.

This Materials Release cannot be used as an indication of endorsement or approval by HUD of the described product, and any statement or representation, however made, indicating such approval or endorsement by HUD is unauthorized. See Code 18, U.S.C. 709.

Any reproduction of this Release must be in its entirety.

<u>USE</u>: Indoor, moderate traffic areas in single and multifamily housing.

# **DESCRIPTION**:

This cut pile carpet is made from heat set plied staple polyester yarn and is designated by the manufacturer as Style 3294.

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

The carpet shall be in accordance with the latest edition of Use of Materials Bulletin (UM) No. 44d for Type I, Class 1, Texture F, except that the minimum pile yarn weight shall be 28 oz./yd², the minimum density shall be 1,800 oz./yd³ and the minimum yarn twist shall be 3.9 turns per inch. The carpet shall have a minimum rating of 3.0 when tested in accordance with the Carpet and Rug Institute (CRI), Test Method 100, "Creating Surface Appearance Changes in Carpet by Foot Traffic", and evaluated by CRI Standard 101 "Assessment of Surface Appearance Change Using the CRI Reference Scale".

# **GUARANTY**:

Beaulieu of America guarantees this carpet against defects in materials, poor performance or poor workman-ship, under normal use for seven (7) years from the date of installation. Should any defect, poor workmanship, or poor performance occur, Beaulieu of America shall make a pro rata allowance for the cost of replacements. For the purpose of this warranty, poor performance shall be defined as an unwalked sample having a rating below 3.0 when tested by CRI Test Method 100 and evaluated by CRI Standard 101.

# PRODUCT CERTIFICATION:

MEA Certifications shall certify that the carpet(s) described above conform to the requirements of this MR and the following requirements:

- 1. MEA Certifications, Inc. must issue to the carpet manufacturer: 1) a certification statement of conformance to this MR; and 2) a label, stamp or mark containing the MEA Certifications' validation mark *OR* the manufacturer's name or code identifying the manufacturer's plant location.
- 2. This certification label, stamp or mark shall be applied to each carpet at least every six (6) feet, and not less than one (1) foot from the edge of the carpet.
- 3. MEA Certification every six (6) months shall visit each of the production facilities listed below. MEA Certification shall, as a minimum, review each of the production facility's Quality Control Manual (QCM), Quality Assurance procedures, in line testing, record keeping, and corrective actions. Record of such visits shall be made available in each production facility and in MEA Certifications' headquarter.
- 4. MEA Certifications must collect from each production facility every six (6) months, three (3) production samples. MEA Certifications must collect one (1) annual sample from the market (i.e., distributor or dealer) not from the production facility. All samples shall be submitted, by MEA Certifications, to a third party for testing in a laboratory accredited by the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) of the U.S. Department of Commerce. The testing must include all minimum carpet requirements in Table 1 and minimum requirements in Table 2 of this MR. Records of such tests shall be made available in each production facility and in MEA Certifications' headquarter.

# MANUFACTURING LOCATION:

The product covered under this MR will be produced at the following plant\*:

Beaulieu of America 1502 Coronet Drive Dalton, GA 30722 Contact: Ronald Vinyard 1-800-227-7211 x7367

# MANUFACTURER'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

Issuance of this Materials Release (MR) commits the manufacturer to fulfill, as a minimum, the following:

- 1. Produce, label and certify the material, product or system in strict accordance with the terms of this MR.
- 2. Provide necessary corrective action in a timely manner for all cases of justified complaint, poor performance or failure reported by HUD.
- 3. When requested, provide the FHA Standards, Office of Manufactured Housing Programs, HUD Headquarters, with a representative list of properties, in which the material, product or system has been used, including complete addresses or descriptions of locations and dates of installation.
- 4. Inform HUD in advance of changes in production facilities, methods, design of the product, company name, ownership or mailing address.

## **EVALUATION**:

This MR shall be valid for a period of three years from the date of initial issuance or most recent renewal or revision, whichever is later. The holder of this MR shall apply for a renewal or revision 90 days prior to the Review Date printed on this MR. Submittals for renewal or revision shall be sent to:

U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development FHA Standards, Office of Manufactured Programs 451 7<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room 9168 Washington, DC 20410-8000

Appropriate User Fee shall be sent to:

U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Miscellaneous Income – Technical Suitability of Products Fees Bank of America P. O. Box 198762 Atlanta, GA 30384-8762

The holder of this MR may apply for revision at any time prior to the Review Date. Minor revisions may be in the form of a supplement to the MR.

If the Department determines that a proposed renewal or supplement constitutes a revision, the appropriate User Fee for a revision will need to be submitted in accordance with Code of Federal Regulations 24 CFR 200.934, "User Fee System for the Technical Suitability of Products Program," and current User Fee Schedule.

# **CANCELLATION:**

Failure to apply for a renewal or revision shall constitute a basis for cancellation of this MR. HUD will notify the manufacturer that the MR may be canceled when:

- conditions under which the document was issued have changed so as to affect production of, or to compromise the integrity of the accepted material, product, or system,
- 2. the manufacturer has changed its organizational form without notifying HUD, or
- 3. the manufacturer has not complied with responsibilities it assumed as a condition of HUD's acceptance.

However, before cancellation, HUD will give the manufacturer a written notice of the specific reasons for cancellation, and the opportunity to present views on why the MR should not be canceled. No refund of fees will be made on a canceled document.