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At a Board of Directors meeting today, the Canadian Urethane Foam Contractors Association Inc. (CUFCA) directors voted unanimously to support the Health Canada's decision to take action against manufacturers, importers and contractors who make sell or install urea formaldehyde foam insulation (UFFI) into consumers' homes and buildings.

"This product has damaged the spray polyurethane foam industry as RetroFoam did not obtain the proper approvals for the material from the appropriate government agencies" stated Mr. Ryan Dalglish, Executive Director for CUFCA. "The spray polyurethane foam industry has spent a tremendous amount of effort to ensure that the consumer is properly protected. When unapproved product is imported and or sold in Canada, the consumer is at risk."

The members of CUFCA do not sell urea formaldehyde foam insulation as it is banned in Canada. The members do sell spray polyurethane foam material which is a completely different material from UFFI. The spray polyurethane foam industry has taken steps to protect the consumer through a site quality assurance program which includes standards for both the material and installation, approving of contractors, training, and certifying installers and random on site audits.

CUFCA has the only independent third party site quality assurance in Canada for spray polyurethane foam. Only manufactures or importers who have proven that they meet the strict National Standard CAN/ULC S705.1 referenced in the National Building Code are licensed by CUFCA and included on the CUFCA website [www.cufca.ca](http://www.cufca.ca). This standard requires the manufacturer to test their product for off gassing (VOC).

Underwriters Laboratory of Canada has worked with the industry to develop standards for both the material and the installation for the protection of the consumer. "Spray polyurethane urethane foam is one of very few materials which also have an installation standard where both standards are referenced in the building code" said Mr. Laverne Dalglish, Technical Manager for CUFCA. "The CAN/ULC S705.2 standard is the only standard referenced in the building code which includes a requirement for a third party site quality assurance program". The standard includes manufacturer licensing, contractor accreditation, and installer training and certification. The certification of the installer is done in accordance with ISO 17024. The CUFCA quality assurance program also includes a third party warranty program to ensure that the manufacturer and contractor deal with consumer complaints.

Medium density spray polyurethane foam is a proven insulation product which has had over 60 years of history. Medium density spray polyurethane foam can be used to provide thermal insulation, air barrier, water resistive barrier and at a specific thickness, the vapour barrier properties in a home or building.

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