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CHINESE DRYWALL - What to look for.

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hearing a lot about the Chinese drywall issues. As Professional Realtors, the Texas Professional Real Estate Inspectors Association (TPREIA) wants you to be informed on what affects that Chinese drywall may pose in your transactions. Hopefully none. However you're having knowledge that you can discuss with your clients should this subject arise.

that was imported from China corrodes copper and metal surfaces, often giving off a foul odor, and can make you sick. Such compounds as butenethial, carbonyl sulfide, hydrogen sulfide, mercaptan, methylthio pyridone, sulfuric acid, sulfur dioxide and strontium have been found in Chinese drywall. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has declared many of these compounds to be

ions are being found where metal components are corroding such as on air conditioning equipment. Have you had repeated A/C issues? Have you had your evaporator coil replaced recently? Does the copper on the outside A/C condenser unit appear black instead of its natural color? If these conditions exist, Chinese drywall may have caused them and further evaluations and testing would be required.

and health concerns after being exposed to Chinese drywall such as physical ailments and symptoms including coughing, irritated eyes, sinus problems, sore throat, asthma, difficulty breathing, runny nose, bloody nose, fatigue, headaches, dizziness and nausea.

Researchers and test facilities are saying that the best indicator as to whether you have Chinese drywall is the smell. It smells like rotten eggs and you smell just after striking a match. Another check you can do is from your attic. Check out the back of the drywall and look for the letters: KNAUF or Knauf Plasterboard (Tianjin). Those letters are a manufacturing ID that researchers and testers say will guarantee the quality of the version.

Here are a few links that will provide you with more information about Chinese drywall issues.

www.chinesedrywall.com/

www.cnn.com/2009/US/03/18/chinese.drywall/

www.nbc-2.com/Articles/readarticle.asp?articleid=24416&z=3

If this information is helpful to you and your clients. For additional information on a variety of inspection topics, we invite you to visit us at TPREIA.com. Please bookmark this link for future use.

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