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CHINESE DRYWALL FACT SHEET

- Chinese drywall is believed to have been imported into the U.S. between 2005 and 2008. The majority appears to have entered during 2006.
- The primary reason for drywall imports was to address a shortage of essential construction materials created following back-to-back record-breaking hurricane seasons (2004, 2005) and a national demand for new home construction.
- The drywall product entered the US through numerous ports, including: Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, Washington, and Hawaii.
- In Florida, the drywall product has been identified in dozens of Florida homes. Currently it appears these homes are primarily located in South and Southwest Florida.
- These identified homes were built by both large- and small-volume builders.
- The apparent defective drywall is believed to be emitting foul odors, causing air-conditioning-related problems, and posing a potential hazard.
- Home builders, as well as the owners of homes identified with Chinese drywall are victims.
- The Florida Attorney General's office is conducting a formal investigation – this will help bring the real offenders to justice.
- The Florida Department of Health is conducting health-related tests.
- Nationally, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is investigating, and the CPSC is reportedly in contact with the US Department of Environmental Protection.
- Several lawsuits have been filed by both builders and homeowners.

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