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USG SHEETROCK® Brand Wallboard Does Not Have the Chinese Wallboard Problems

USG's wallboard does not have the problems reported with Chinese wallboard. These are the facts:

- USG has been making and selling wallboard in the U.S. for more than 90 years.
- Prior to the publicity about Chinese wallboard, we had not had any homeowner complaints that our wallboard caused corrosion or other problems similar to those now surfacing regarding Chinese wallboard.
- The U.S. government's own testing shows that USG's wallboard does not have the problems associated with Chinese wallboard.
- The U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission recently reported on extensive testing it conducted on Chinese and domestic wallboard. The CPSC found a direct correlation between the presence of elemental sulfur in Chinese wallboard and problematic hydrogen sulfide emissions causing corrosion.ⁱ Neither of these was found with USG's wallboard or other domestically manufactured wallboard:
 - USG's wallboard did not cause corrosion of copper or silver.ⁱⁱ
 - USG's wallboard did not contain elemental sulfur.ⁱⁱⁱ
 - USG's wallboard had low or no detectable emissions of hydrogen sulfide.^{iv}
- In short, none of problems reported with Chinese wallboard was found in USG's wallboard, or other domestic wallboard.
- USG's SHEETROCK® brand wallboard is made in North America. USG has never manufactured wallboard in China and never relabeled or rebranded wallboard manufactured in China.

ⁱ See <http://www.cpsc.gov/library/foia/foia10/os/EHESourceMarkers.pdf>. See also, <http://www.cpsc.gov/info/drywall/may2010status.pdf> and <http://www.cpsc.gov/info/drywall/execsum0410.pdf>.

ⁱⁱ See <http://www.cpsc.gov/library/foia/foia10/os/51homeFinal.pdf>. See also, <http://www.cpsc.gov/library/foia/foia10/os/EHESourceMarkers.pdf>,

ⁱⁱⁱ See <http://www.cpsc.gov/info/drywall/TabA.pdf>; <http://www.cpsc.gov/info/drywall/may2010status.pdf>; and <http://www.cpsc.gov/library/foia/foia10/os/EHESourceMarkers.pdf>, Table 6.3.

^{iv} See CPSC press release dated May 25, 2010 at <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml10/10243.html>. See also, CPSC press release dated April 2, 2010 at <http://www.cpsc.gov/info/drywall/hud10068.html>.