

CertainTeed Fiber Cement Products
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Re: City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety Approval for Fiber Cement

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm that **all CertainTeed WeatherBoards™ fiber cement siding and soffit products are acceptable as exterior cladding according to the City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS)**, provided that they are installed according to manufacturer's instructions.

These products are implicitly approved without the need of a dedicated LADBS Research Report because they meet both of the following two criteria:

- (1) The products meet the ICBO definition of "Siding, Fiber Cement Exterior Lap and Panel", as defined by an internal LADBS memorandum to all structural plan check engineers and building inspectors dated September 1, 1999.
- (2) The products maintain a current report from the International Conference of Building Officials Evaluation Service (ICBO-ER 5735) indicating the products meet the requirements of the Uniform Building Code (UBC), International Building Code (IBC) and International Residential Code (IRC).

This exemption policy has been in effect at LADBS since September 1999. Should you have any questions regarding the details of this approval, please contact Mr. Yeuan Chou at LADBS, phone number 213-485-2376.

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