



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

Date Issued	November 29, 2017	Interpretation	17-005
Topic	Fire Retardant Coatings		
Code Section(s)	2016 CFC §803.4, CBC §2303.2		
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Question 1:

Can fire retardant coatings be recognized as fire retardant treated wood?

No.

This is clearly defined in 2016 California Building Code §2303.2, that fire-retardant treated wood is when the wood product is impregnated with chemicals.