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AS	absorbing solution
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
BS EN	British European Standard
BV	back veneer
CARB	California Air Resources Board
CE	European Conformity
CNS	Chinese National Standard
CWPs	composite wood products
DC	desiccator
DC-AA	desiccator-acetyl acetone
DC-CA	desiccator-chromotropic acid
DDL	3, 5-diacetyl-1, 4-diacetyldihydrolutidine
ECD	electron capture detector
EI	electron impact ionization
EN	European Standard
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FID	flame ionisation detector
FPL	Forest Product Laboratory
FS 25 %	formaldehyde scavenger solution
F/U	formaldehyde and urea molar ratio
F/ (M+U)	formaldehyde and urea with melamine molar ratio
GC	gas chromatography
GC/ECD	gas chromatography in combination of electron capture detector
GC/FID	gas chromatography in combination of flame ionisation detector

GC/MS	gas chromatography in combination of mass spectrometry
HCHO	formaldehyde
HPLC	high performance liquid chromatography
HS	headspace
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
IC	inner core
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
JAS	Japanese Agriculture Standard
JIS	Japanese Industrial Standard
LLE	liquid-liquid extraction
LLE-ECD	liquid-liquid extraction analysed by GC/ECD
LLE-FID	liquid-liquid extraction analysed by GC/FID
LOD	limit of detection
LOQ	limit of quantification
MC	moisture content
MC 10/6	as the moisture content reduced from 10 % to 6 %
MC 14/6	as the moisture content reduced from 14 % to 6 %
MC 18/6	as the moisture content reduced from 18 % to 6 %
MR	moisture resistance
MS	mass spectrometry
$NaHSO_3$	sodium hydrogen sulphite
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
PDMS-DVB	polydimethylsiloxane-divinylbenzene
PFBHA	*O*-(2,3,4,5,6 pentafluorobenzyl) hydroxylamine hydrochloride
pMDI	polymethylene diisocyanate

REC	recovery
RSD	repeatability or relative standard deviation
RT	retention time
R^2	correlation coefficients
SC	small chamber
SC-CA	small chamber-chromotropic acid
SD	standard deviation
SI	standard international unit
SIM	selected ion monitoring
SPME	solid phase micro-extraction
SPME-A	solid phase micro-extraction sampling from absorbing solution
SPME-W	solid phase micro-extraction air sampling directly from wood specimen
SV	surface veneer
SV+IC+BV	combination of inner core in between surface veneer and back veneer
USTIC	United State International Trade Commission
UV-VIS	ultraviolet-visible
VOCs	volatile organic compounds
VS/ VC	veneer surface/ veneer core
VT	veneer thickness
WBP	weather and boiled proof
WHO	World Health Organization

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A	Coefficient of humidity (0.0175)
A_b	Absorbance of a blank solution
A_{bs}	Absorbance of a sample solution
A_p	Peak area of a sample solution
Blc	Blank value
C	Test formaldehyde concentration level by DC-CA and SC-CA methods, µg/mL
C	Formaldehyde concentration of test pieces by DC-AA method, mg/L
Ca	Total quantity of formaldehyde in the sample aliquots taken from the impinge (as determined from the calibration curve) by SC-CA method, µg
Co	Corrected formaldehyde concentration level by DC-CA method, µg/mL
Cs	Formaldehyde in 4 mL aliquot of sample read from calibration curve by DC-CA method, µg/mL
Cs	Parts of formaldehyde per million parts air by SC-CA method, ppm
Ct	Formaldehyde of sampled solution in DC-CA method, µg/mL
Ct	Total formaldehyde in the sample by SC-CA method, µg
D	Dilution factor, for example: (If no dilution is made, D= 1)
D	Density
e	Natural log base
G	Gradient of calibration curve $(mg/L)^{-1}$
F_a	Aliquot factor (sampling solution volume/ aliquot used)
F_t	Factor multiplied by to convert to 24 °C
H	Actual relative humidity, %
Ho	Relative humidity, %
Int. y	y intercept of calibration curve
m_o	Mass of the test piece after drying, g

m_H	Initial mass of the test piece, g
m/z	Mass to charge ratio
P	Barometric pressure, kPa
P	Porosity, %
R	Coefficient of temperature (9799)
t	Actual temperature, K
t_o	Corrected temperature, K
T	Temperature of sample air, °C
V	Volume of air sampled, L
V_s	Volume of air at standard conditions (101 kPa and 298 K), L