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HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION  
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To: Borough Superintendents

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From: Thomas V. Burke, Director of Operations

Subject: Fire Retardant Treated Wood - Section C26-502.6  
Building Code.

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Under the provisions of Section C26-502.6 of the Building Code, fire retardant treated wood is required to bear the identification of a testing laboratory, or producer, certifying to the performance of the wood in prescribed fire tests, and is required to be in accordance with the acceptance requirements of Section C26-106.2 of the code.

The Materials and Equipment Acceptance Division has not approved or accepted any wood as being fire retardant in accordance with the provisions of Section C26-502.6 of the Building Code.

Wood that is installed under the provisions of the new code for partitions, interior trim, or in any location where fire retardant treatment of the wood is required in buildings of Group I classification, must be accepted by the Materials and Equipment Acceptance Division. Wood that is not so accepted shall not be permitted in new construction coming under the provisions of the 1968 Building Code.

Construction sheds are required to be constructed of non-combustible material or of fire retardant treated wood when within 30 feet of new construction or existing buildings under Section C26-1901.1 of the code. Most sheds presently located within new buildings under construction are made of wood which bears a label stating it has been treated to make it fire retardant. Such wood shall not be accepted, as none has been accepted by the Materials and Equipment Acceptance Division.

It should be noted that plywood made by the U.S. Plywood Corporation was approved by the Board of Standards and Appeals under the former Building Code and may be accepted as meeting the requirements for fire retardant treated wood.

For those alterations which come under the provisions of the 1938 Building Code, treated wood may be accepted under the provisions of such code. This requires that samples of the