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Re: Fire-Retardancy of Masons Uni FR FAB (Flexible Air Barrier)

As part of our regular and ongoing Quality Assurance procedures, we have identified that the following batches of Uni FR have been manufactured to the European Standard EN 13501-1 with a Class E rating, and whilst they still have a level of fire retardancy they may not fully meet the NZBC standards NZS 2295:2006, part 2.2.7.

The affected batches are coded **09/20 and 10/20** on the bottom of the roll.

What does this mean and who does it affect?

- In terms of 'control of internal fire and smoke spread', as these batches have an AS 1530.2 flammability index greater than 5, for Risk Groups other than SH, these batches must be enclosed by a suitable internal lining in occupied spaces.
- In terms of 'prevention of fire occurring', these batches must be separated from fireplaces, heating appliances, flues and chimneys in accordance with the requirements of NZBC Acceptable Solutions C/AS1 to C/AS6, paragraph 7.5.9 for the protection of combustible materials.

Where can the non-fire-retardant Uni FR be used?

- On any building that has a suitable internal lining such as gypsum
- On any building that does not have a fireplace and chimney. Or if it does, not within 200mm of the fireplace opening, chimney opening, above the hearth, or 75mm below the hearth.

In all other regards, Uni FR meets the NZBC requirements:

- B2 – Durability B2.3.1 (a), B2.3.2 (a)
- E2 – External Moisture E2.3.2, E2.3.7 (contributes to)
- F2 – Hazardous Building Materials F2.3.1

Masons will still be offering the affected batches for sale but clearly marked as: **NON-FIRE RETARDANT to AS/NZS 2295:2006.**

PLEASE NOTE: The affected batches are not covered by the Codemark.

**NON
FIRE RETARDANT**

This batch of UNI FR does not meet AS/NZS AS/NZS 2295:2006 part 2.2.7. for fire retardance. It is sold as and must only be used for buildings/details that do not require fire retardant building underlay.

This product is marked FR - Fire Retardant.

Note: this batch of the product is only made to fire reaction Class E of European Standard 13501-1.

**DO NOT USE WHERE
FIRE RESISTANT
UNDERLAY IS
REQUIRED**