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Building Envelope Contractors

The Building Envelope Contractors Division is comprised of glazing contractors with the technical expertise and management skills required to fulfill the more complex and sophisticated glazing products and suppliers to the contract glazing industry.

Flat Glass Manufacturing

The Flat Glass Manufacturing Division is comprised of manufacturers of flat glass and those companies maintaining a float glass plant in North America.

Insulating

The Insulating Division is comprised of manufacturers of companies that produce insulating glass units, and suppliers of materials used in insulating glass units.

Laminating

The Laminating Division is comprised of companies that fabricate laminated products for safety, security and sound reduction, and suppliers of materials used to make laminated products.

Mirror

The Mirror Division consists of companies that silver flat glass and their suppliers. Some sell predominately through the mass merchants, some distribute through traditional flat glass channels, and others are O.E.M. suppliers to other manufacturers.

Tempering

The Tempering Division is comprised of companies that produce fully tempered and heat-strengthened glass products for the consumer, architectural and automotive markets, and suppliers of materials used to make tempered products.

Canadian Mirror Standard Withdrawn

(TOPEKA) - The Canadian General Standards Board (CGSB) recently announced the withdrawal of the Canadian National Standard CAN/CGSB 12.5-M86 *Mirrors, Silvered*. CGSB stated that the standard was no longer in compliance with the requirements for a National Standard of Canada as established by the Standards Council of Canada (SCC).

Requirements for SCC documents are detailed in their publication CAN-P-2 *Criteria and Procedures for the Preparation and Approval of National Standards of Canada*. While not specifically stated in the withdrawal notice, the action is likely the result of CGSB's failure to properly maintain the standard. SCC requirements call for a standard to be reviewed and either reaffirmed or revised within five years of publication. The CAN/CGSB 12.5-M86 standard had not been updated since publication in August of 1986.

"Canadian mirror manufacturers felt the CAN/CGSB 12.5-M86 standard was out of date, irrelevant, and not well recognized or widely used in industry" said Lee Harrison, President of Walker Glass Co., Ltd. in Montreal, Quebec, and Chairman of the Glass Association of North America (GANA) Mirror Division's Canadian Standards Committee.

In a November 2003 meeting, Canadian mirror manufacturers discussed funding that would be required for CGSB administrative cost to review and update the standard. Participants in the meeting could not foresee funding being available for such an effort.

"Faced with an outdated standard and prohibitive administrative cost to update the original Canadian document, Canadian mirror manufacturers voted to adopt the recently published ASTM International (ASTM) document C 1503-01 *Standard Specification for Silvered Flat Glass Mirrors*," added Harrison. "Canadian mirror manufacturers were involved in the development of the ASTM standard and we agreed that adoption of the new standard was the best alternative for consumers, our customers and the mirror industry."

Canadian mirror manufacturers are referencing the standard which addresses quality requirements for clear and tinted flat glass mirrors used indoors for mirror glazing and as components of decorative accessories. The GANA Mirror Division – Canadian Standards Committee will continue efforts to educate consumers regarding the adoption of the standard and the many uses of mirrors. For additional information on the ASTM C 1503-01 standard and the GANA Mirror Division visit the Division's website www.mirrorlink.org. To order a copy of the standard, visit the ASTM website www.astm.org or call their headquarters at (610) 832-9500.

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The Glass Association of North America provides the organizational structure for addressing the needs of a diverse membership. Comprised of the Building Envelope Contractors, Flat Glass Manufacturing, Insulating, Laminating, Mirror and Tempering Divisions and an Affiliate Classification, GANA provides a forum for exchanging information and ideas and presenting a unified voice on matters affecting the glass industry and for developing the management and technical sophistication needed to remain competitive in a constantly changing business environment.