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To our customers,

We are pleased to announce that our USG Sheetrock® Brand Gypsum Panels Mold Tough® are now listed for use in protected exterior ceiling and soffit applications. The panels meet or exceed all the performance requirements per ASTM C1396 for an exterior gypsum soffit board. Unlike traditional exterior soffit board, which only has moisture-resistance, Sheetrock® Mold Tough® panels provide both moisture- and mold-resistance. In addition the USG Sheetrock Panels Mold Tough® versions are direct substitutions in fire-rated assemblies listed with USG Sheetrock® Brand Exterior Gypsum Ceiling Board as both panels carry the same UL Type Designations.

Now you can offer your contractors a product with a higher level of performance and in turn reduce the need for you to stock or source exterior ceiling board.

Based on this we will be phasing out the below products:

1/2" USG Sheetrock® Brand Exterior Gypsum Ceiling Board – 149250
5/8" USG Sheetrock® Brand Exterior Gypsum Ceiling Board Firecode® X (UL Type SCX) – 149290
5/8" USG Sheetrock® Brand Exterior Gypsum Ceiling Board Firecode® C (UL Type C) – 149330

Substitute with:

1/2" USG Sheetrock® Brand UltraLight Panels Mold-Tough® – 143021
5/8" USG Sheetrock® Brand Panels Mold-Tough® Firecode® X (UL Type SCX) – 143132
5/8" USG Sheetrock® Brand Panels Mold-Tough® Firecode® C (UL Type C) – 143135
5/8" USG Sheetrock® Brand UltraLight Panels Mold-Tough® Firecode® X (UL Type ULX) – 143143

Consult the USG product submittals WB2660, WB2390 and WB2764 for more information on exterior soffit and ceiling applications with the Mold Tough® products.

For any additional questions, please contact your local USG sales or USG customer service representative. As always, we thank you for your business and support for USG products.

Sincerely,

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