



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **US Customs & Border Protection Agency ruling gives Innovations4Flooring licensees approval to import 3L TripleLock and Click4U floor panels into the USA**

- ***I4F technologies, 3L TripleLock and Click4U, completely free from competitors' ITC General Exclusion Orders***
- ***Products incorporating 3L TripleLock and Click4U manufactured under I4F licenses approved for import into the USA***

WILLEMSTAD, CURAÇAO – Innovations4Flooring (I4F), a technology company providing flooring installation solutions, today announced that the US Customs & Border Protection Agency has ruled that products manufactured under I4F's licenses, and including the 3L Triplelock and Click4U locking mechanisms, may be imported into the United States of America. The ruling stipulates that I4F's 3L TripleLock and Click4U technologies are not subject to any of Unilin's current International Trade Commission (ITC) General Exclusion Orders (GEO).

With immediate effect, this ruling frees I4F producers and importers from all obligations linked to Unilin's 2006 GEO for certain laminate flooring (Investigation No. 337-TA-545) requiring all goods to feature a holographic label from Unilin or Välinge in order to enter the US market.

I4F licensees will receive details on the process and tools required to enable them to align with this US Customs ruling and to import their goods using I4F technologies into the USA.

John Rietveldt, "This is excellent news for our customers and the industry as it means that approved I4F licensees are now permitted to import products using our Click4U and 3L TripleLock locking technologies into the USA. The decision will further accelerate the strong market position of our easy to install one piece drop-lock system, which is fast becoming the industry standard. This latest US Customs ruling reconfirms previous freedom-to-operate reports and provides global flooring manufacturers with the "all clear" signal to switch their flooring production to our technologies."

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**About Innovations4Flooring NV:**

*Based in Willemstad, Curaçao, Innovations4Flooring is a privately-owned technology company focused on the development of patents and flooring installation solutions. A Dutch private equity group holds a majority stake in the company.*

*3L TripleLock and Click4U, provide a unique drop-lock installation technique for flooring panels that eliminates the need for an additional insert on the short side. This elimination provides manufacturers with the possibility to improve productivity levels as well as to reduce their costs and carbon footprint. International patents and patent applications for I4F's technologies have been granted and filed in over 100 countries worldwide. 3L TripleLock provides a drop-lock installation innovation while Click4U provides an angle system on the long side and a drop-lock on the short side. The solution is suitable for laminate, luxury vinyl tiles, wood plastic composite, rigid core flooring, multi-layer flooring and wooden flooring panels.*

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