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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 美国海关和边境保护局做出裁定,允许Innovations4Flooring的加盟商进口3L 锁扣和Click4U地板到美国

- I4F technologies, 3L TripleLock and Click4U, completely free from competitors' ITC General Exclusion Orders
  - 14F 技术, 3L 锁扣和Click4U完全从竞争对手的国际贸易委员会总体限购令中获得解放
- Products incorporating 3L TripleLock and Click4U manufactured under I4F licenses approved for import into the USA

加盟I4F 并采用3L 锁扣 和Click4U技术的产品允许进口到美国

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).

WILLEMSTAD, CURAÇAO – Innovations4Flooring (I4F),一家提供地板安装解决方案的技术公司,今天宣布美国海关和边境保护局已正式裁定,加盟I4F并采用包括3L 锁扣技术和Click4U 锁定机制在内而生产的产品,可以进口到美国。该裁定明确了I4F的3L 锁扣和Click4U技术不受限于Unilin目前的国际贸易委员会(ITC)总体限购令(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.

随着裁定的即刻生效,I4F的生产商和进口商得以从Unilin 的2006总体限购令中获得全面解放,该限购令要求特定的复合地板产品(调查号: 337-TA-545)必须获得Unilin 或者 Välinge的全息标签才能进入美国市场。

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.

关于如何遵守美国海关的裁定,I4F的加盟商会陆续收到具体的流程和方式从而确保他们使用I4F技术的产品可以进口到美国。

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."

John Rietveldt 说道,"对于我们的消费者和整个行业来说,这是非常振奋人心的消息,因为它意味着I4F的加盟商现在可以将采用我们的Click4U 和 3L 锁扣技术的产品进口到美国。该决定会继续强化我们的市场地位,推广我们简单易行的整体下压锁扣体系,该体系正迅速的变成整个行业的标准。该项美国海关最新的裁定进一步巩固了先前的自由运营报告,并为全球的地板制造商提供了一个清晰的信号,即他们可以将地板生产转向采用我们的技术。"

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#### **About Innovations4Flooring NV:**

### 关于 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.

I4F是一家私有技术公司,注册于库拉索岛,致力于专利的开发和地板安装解决方案。该公司的大股东是一家荷兰私有集团。

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.

3L TripleLock和Click4U,为地板安装领域提供独特的下压锁扣安装技术,使其不必在短边安装之余仍需额外插入部件。这可以使制造商提高生产率,并降低生产成本和碳排放。14F已经在全球100多个国家为其相关技术申请了专利保护。3L TripleLock是一个下压锁扣安装发明,而Click4U是对长边用角系统、短边用下压锁扣系统的发明。该解决方案适用于复合地板、豪华乙烯基砖、塑胶地板、木塑复合地板、多层地板和实木地板。

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