



THE ORIGIN OF SAWLFA:

Interest in the use of traditional wood, laminate and the newer generation vinyl flooring in commercial and domestic buildings, prompted responsible local concerns to form a body representative of the industry.

The Southern African Wood, Laminate & Flooring Association (SAWLFA) was formed in November 1998. Its aims were, to develop an awareness of the potential of wood and vinyl flooring, and to address the needs of both the local industry and that of the consumer.

This initiative is in line with comparative organisations throughout the world. Many of which have been active for a considerable length of time. Thus, many current European norms such as those published by the EPLF (European Producers of Laminate Flooring) are applied together with South African standards (SANS10043) tailored for the South African situation.

ACCREDITATION OF INSTALLERS:

Full SAWLFA installation accreditation is available to installer members. On successful completion of the SAWLFA installation training modules, installation teams will receive a certificate to this effect. This provides clients with the knowledge and peace of mind that installations are being carried out in accordance with product specifications.

THE SAWLFA MISSION:

- All products conform to strict European and South African standards.
- Protection of the public through the establishment of industry standards.
- Installations are performed according to SANS 10043 and 10070.

TO BE ACHIEVED BY:

- Providing a unified voice for the industry.
- **Setting and maintaining industry standards through:**
The completion of Codes of Practice in conjunction with recognised international and local authorities. These include Standards SA and the Building Technology Division of the CSIR.
- **Accreditation of installers of wood and laminate flooring:**
No installer member is listed without going through the correct installation procedures exam (accreditation).
- Establishment of guidelines and material for training and education of industry participants.
- Playing an advisory role and providing impartial opinions (Inspections) to resolve problems and/or disputes.
- Providing a central advisory forum for technical matters.

BENEFITS FOR THE CONSUMER:

- Access to accredited suppliers and installers of reliable flooring products:
- All Corporate members products listed, provide certificates that comply too European standards.
- Advice on correct product quality selection.
- Information on local and international specifications and standards.



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- If problems are experienced after a member has installed a floor, the Association can be approached to conduct a thorough technical evaluation and provide an unbiased opinion; members are expected to abide by the findings.
- All members ascribe to the SAWLFA code of Ethical Practice, which requires them to maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity towards their clients.

ONLY USE COMPANIES THAT ARE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN WOOD, LAMINATE AND FLOORING ASSOCIATION AS:

- All products conform to strict European and South African standards.
- Protection through objective evaluations and unbiased opinions.
- Installations are performed according to SANS 10043/10070. (South African National Standard)

For a complete list of our members visit our web site at www.sawlfa.co.za or contact us on 011 455 2822.