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Innovations in Functional Coatings for Wood Processing

Message from the Guest Editor

In the wood processing industry, the demand for highperformance, durable, and multi-functional wood products is rising. Wood, being a natural material, faces challenges such as moisture, heat, pests, and surface degradation. Functional coatings offer an effective solution by enhancing wood properties and providing additional functions. For instance, fire-resistant coatings reduce fire risks, while antibacterial coatings improve hygiene in kitchens and hospitals. This Special Issue aims to showcase the latest advancements in functional coatings for wood, fostering collaboration among researchers and industry professionals. Topics include environmentally friendly coatings, fire-resistant coatings, antibacterial solutions, decorative coatings, and advanced surface modification techniques. By contributing, authors can drive innovation, promote sustainability, and enhance the performance of wood products. We welcome original research articles and reviews.

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