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CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENCE

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Product Category: Hurricane Shutters

Product Subcategory: Accordions

Product Name: Bertha H.V. Accordion Shutter System
H.V. Blade #1 w/ or w/o H.V. Window Blade

Manufacturer Name: American Shutter Systems Association, Inc. (ASSA)
4268 Westroads Drive
West Palm Beach, Florida 33407

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