

# AMERICAN LUMBER STANDARD COMMITTEE, INCORPORATED®

## WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL POLICY

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The Board of Review of the American Lumber Standard Committee, Incorporated® (the American Lumber Standard Committee) is authorized to accredit and monitor inspection agencies for conformance to American Lumber Standard Committee requirements for heat treated (HT) or kiln dried heat treated (KD HT) lumber to be used as wood packaging material as defined in the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) *Regulation of Wood Packaging Material in International Trade* ("ISPM 15") (standard), as follows:

- Kiln Dried (KD) - lumber or used, previously assembled, repaired or remanufactured wood packaging material seasoned in a closed chamber by means of artificial heat to a maximum moisture content.
- Heat Treatment (HT) - lumber or used, previously assembled, repaired or remanufactured wood packaging material which has been placed in a closed chamber and artificial heat added until the lumber or packing achieves a minimum core temperature of 56°C for a minimum of 30 minutes. *Note: 2013-13 CPM-8 adopted revised Annex 1 to ISPM 15 to include heat treatment using dielectric heating. When lumber or used, previously assembled, repaired or remanufactured wood packaging material is heat treated using dielectric heating the treatment code mark shall be DH.*

At facilities producing HT or KD HT lumber, HT or KD HT wood packaging material, or HT or KDHT remanufactured wood packaging material:

The agency shall audit on a periodic basis:

- For lumber or packaging marked HT: the agency shall audit the minimum requirements of the 56°C for 30 minutes core temperature by reviewing the facility records, heat chamber charts and/or other data pertinent to the HT process.
- For HT lumber or packaging additionally marked KD: the agency shall audit the KD moisture content requirements and the 56°C for 30 minutes core temperature minimums by performing a physical check of the moisture content and by reviewing the facility records, kiln charts and/or other data pertinent to the KD HT process. KD shall mean kiln dried to a maximum moisture content of 19 percent at time of surfacing. Moisture content limits of less than 19 percent maximum moisture content shall only be specified if included in rules certified by the Board of Review. For lumber of nominal 5-inch or greater thickness, other moisture-content limits shall be specified only if included in rules certified by the Board of Review.

At facilities producing or repairing wood packaging material (manufacturing of pallets, crating, boxes, etc):

The agency shall audit on a periodic basis:

- The wood being used or to be used in the manufacture or, repair of wood packaging material (pallets, crating, boxes, etc.) under this program is labeled HT or KD HT under the supervision of an agency accredited by the Board of Review.

- The volumes of HT or KD HT wood being purchased from agency-certified HT or KD HT facilities are adequate based upon documentation to produce or, repair the quantities of wood packaging material (pallets, crating, boxes, etc.) that are being labeled.

At facilities producing any wood packaging material, the agency shall audit on a periodic basis:

- The wood packaging material (pallets, crating, boxes, etc.) produced, repaired or remanufactured bear label(s) containing the following information:
  - a) The approved international symbol for compliant wood packaging material.
  - b) The two letter ISO country abbreviation followed by a unique number assigned to the producer of the wood packaging material by the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO).
  - c) The term "Heat Treated" abbreviated "HT" or the term "Dielectric Heating" abbreviated "DH", and if applicable, the moisture content designation "Kiln Dried" abbreviated "KD" as provided for in the Board of Review certified grading rules.
  - d) The identifying symbol, logo or name of the accredited agency.

The label(s) and the placement of such label(s) shall be as approved by the Board of Review.

The Board of Review shall implement this policy and accredit and monitor agencies pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and the Wood Packaging Material Enforcement Regulations and other regulations adopted by the American Lumber Standard Committee specifying the requirements to be met by agencies, heat treating facilities, and wood packaging facilities.

An accredited agency shall enter into a standard contract agreement with the American Lumber Standard Committee. An accredited agency shall enter into standard contract agreements which have been approved by the Board of Review with each heat treating facility and wood packaging facility provided auditing services.

The Board of Review shall have the option to employ consultants to assist in implementation and conduct of this policy. The cost of the consultants shall be borne by the agency or agencies involved.

Agencies accredited under this policy shall pay such charges and fees as are fixed and assessed by the American Lumber Standard Committee.

Wood packaging agencies accredited by the Board of Review shall allow the above-described label or one similar to it to be used only on wood packaging materials which conform to procedures referenced in the ALSC Wood Packaging Material Policy. Conversely, such agencies shall not authorize the use of the above-described label or one similar to it on wood packaging materials manufactured to procedures not conforming to those referenced in the ALSC Wood Packaging Material Policy.

This authorization by the American Lumber Standard Committee, and accreditation and monitoring by the Board of Review regarding conformance to the above-referenced IPPC standard shall not indicate American Lumber Standard Committee or Board of Review adoption, approval or responsibility of or for that standard, responsibility for lumber or wood packaging produced or manufactured under this Policy or endorsement, approval, adoption or responsibility of or for any warranty or other representation regarding lumber or wood packaging by a heat treating or kiln drying facility, wood packaging producing or manufacturing facility, or any other person or entity.