Members of the HUD staff processing cases and inspecting construction, shall use this information in determining acceptability of the subject products for the use indicated.

This bulletin should be filed with bulletins on Special Methods of Construction and Materials as required by prescribed procedures. Additional copies may be requisitioned by the Field Offices.

The technical description, requirements and limitations expressed herein do not constitute an endorsement, or approval by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD/FHA) of the subject matter, and any statement or representation, however made, indicating approval or endorsement by the Department of Housing and Urban Development is unauthorized and false, and will be considered a violation of the United States Criminal Code 18, U.S.C. 709.

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Subject to good workmanship, compliance with applicable codes, and the methods of application listed herein, the products described in this bulletin may be considered suitable for HUD housing programs, including Housing for the Elderly and Care-Type Housing.

The eligibility of a property under these programs is determined on the property as an entity and involves the consideration of underwriting and other factors not indicated herein. Thus, compliance with this bulletin should not be construed as qualifying the property as a whole, or any part thereof, as to its eligibility.

The method of application for the products listed herein are considered a part of the HUD Minimum Property Standards and shall remain effective until this bulletin is cancelled or superseded.
Dimension and board lumber and timbers, shall be identified by
the grademark of a lumber grading inspection agency authorized to
grade the species. The lumber grading agencies and the grading
rules under which they grade, shall be certified by American
Lumber Standards Committee, P.O. Box 210, Germantown, Maryland
20874, in accordance with the National Institute of Standards and
Technology (NIST) Voluntary Product Standard PS 20-94 "American
Softwood Lumber Standard." Copies of this standard are available
from NIST, Office of Voluntary Product Standards, Gaithersburg,
Maryland 20874.

Finger-jointed lumber that is grademarked by the agency certified
by the American Lumber Standards Committee, is also acceptable to
HUD and may be used interchangeably with other
grademarked lumber of the same species and grade.

The grademark shall indicate the following:

1. Registered symbol which identifies the grading agency.

2. Species or species combination.

3. Grade.

4. Identification of the applicable grading rules when not
   indicated by the species identification or agency
   symbol.

5. Mill or grader.

6. For members which are less than 5 inches nominal
   thickness, indicating that the lumber was green or dry
   at the time of dressing.

7. Finger-jointed where applicable.

Grademarking is required for framing members, dimension and board
lumber and timbers. This includes studs, rafters, floor and
ceiling joists, posts, beams, girders, truss chords, sheathing,
and subflooring.

Members which are cut or doubled, such as short studs above and
below openings, blocking, jamb and corner studs need not show a
grade stamp on each piece. The grademarks shall be placed so
that they will not be cut off or obscured by overlapping members.

The following facsimiles of grademarks from a certified grading
agency recognized by the American Lumber Standards Committee,
shall be acceptable to the Department of Housing and Urban
Development (HUD) under the procedures described in 24 CFR
200.935.
Interpreting Grade Stamps

Most grade stamps, except those for rough lumber or heavy timbers, contain five basic elements:

- ABC
- SD-R
- O
- FIR
- 12 STAND

Interpreting Grade Stamps

- The trademark indicates agency quality supervision.
- Mill identification - firm name, brand or assigned mill number.
- Grade designation - grade name, number or abbreviation.
- Species identification - indicates species individually or in combination.
- Condition of seasoning at time of surfacing:
  - S-Dry - 10% max. moisture content
  - MC 15 - 15% max. moisture content
  - S-GRN - over 15% moisture content (unseasoned)

TYPICAL GRADE STAMP

MILL 467
STAND
S-GRN WCLB
DOUG. FIR

S-DRY
FINISH
EST WHITE PINE NORWAY PINE

110 STUD
S-DRY BALSAM FIR

American Lumber
Standard Committee, Incorporated
P.O. Box 210
Germantown, MD 20875-0210
(301) 972-1700
Fax: (301) 540-8004

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(this text supersedes all previous lists)

AGENCIES ACCREDITED BY THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF THE AMERICAN LUMBER STANDARD COMMITTEE, INCORPORATED AND TYPICAL GRADE STAMPS

NAMES AND ADDRESSES

California Lumber Inspection Service
5905 Squail Drive
Suite 150
Squail, California 95073
408-477-0170
Fax: 408-477-0173

Approval as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under the WCLB rules, the WCPA rules, the FJS rules, the National Grading Rule (NSR), decking, and western red cedar portions of the NGLA rules for Canadian lumber, and for boards, scaffold plank, and the NSR portion of the SPIB rules. Approved to supervise glued lumber.

Northeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association, Inc.
272 Tuttle Road, P.O. Box 87A
Cumberland Center, Maine 04021
207-829-6901
Fax: 207-829-4293

Approval of rules they publish and as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under these rules, the NSLB rules, the NSR portions of the WCLB rules, the WCPA rules and the NGLA rules for Canadian lumber, for Selects and Common Boards, 4/4 Shop, Heavy Shop, for Posts and Timbers and Beams and Stringers under the WCPA rules, for Posts and Timbers and Beams and Stringers under the WCLB rules and for Studs under the SPIB rules. Approved to supervise glued and machine stress rated lumber. NEMA is a rules writing agency.

Northern Southern Lumber Bureau
272 Tuttle Road, P.O. Box 87A
Cumberland Center, Maine 04021
207-829-6901
Fax: 207-829-4293

Approval of rules they publish and as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under these rules, and the NSR portions of the WCLB rules, the WCPA rules, and the NGLA rules for Canadian lumber. Approved to supervise glued and machine stress rated lumber. NSLB is a rules writing agency.
Interior Lumber Manufacturers Association  
360-1655 Kirschner Road  
Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 4N7  
Tel: 604-860-9663  
Fax: 604-860-0009  
Approved to supervise glued and machine stress rated lumber.

Macdonald Inspection  
211 Schoolhouse Street  
Coquitlam, B.C. V3K 4X9  
Tel: 604-520-3321  
Fax: 604-524-9186  
Approved to supervise glued and machine stress rated lumber.

Maritime Lumber Bureau  
P.O. Box 459  
Amherst, Nova Scotia B4H 4A1  
Tel: 902-657-3889  
Fax: 902-657-6401  
Approved to supervise glued lumber. Also approved to provide supervisory service under the NGR portion of the NeLMA rules.

Northern Forest Products Association  
400-1468 Fourth Avenue  
Prince George, BC V2L 4Y2  
Tel: 604-564-5135  
Fax: 604-564-3598  
Approved to supervise glued and machine stress rated lumber.

Newfoundland Lumber Producers Association  
P.O. Box 8  
Glovertown, Newfoundland A0G 2L0  
Tel: 709-533-2206  
Fax: 709-533-2611  
Approved to supervise glued and machine stress rated lumber.

Ontario Lumber Manufacturers Association  
55 University Ave., Suite 1105, Box 8  
Toronto, Ontario MSJ 2L7  
Tel: 416-367-9717  
Fax: 416-367-3415  
Approved to supervise glued and machine stress rated lumber. Also approved to provide supervisory service under the NGR portion of the NeLMA rules.

Pacific Lumber Inspection Bureau  
P.O. Box 7235  
Bellevue, Washington 98008-1235  
B.C. Division:  
P.O. Box 19118  
Fourth Avenue Postal Outlet  
Vancouver, B.C. V6K 4R8  
Tel: 206-746-6542  
Fax: 604-732-1782  
Approved to supervise glued and machine stress rated lumber.

Quebec Lumber Manufacturers Association  
JGG West Hamel Blvd., Suite 200  
Quebec, G1B 2E6  
Tel: 418-872-5510  
Fax: 418-872-3062  
Approved to supervise glued and machine stress rated lumber. Also approved to provide supervisory service under the NGR portion of the NeLMA rules.
Pacific Lumber Inspection Bureau, Inc.
P.O. Box 7235
Bellevue, Washington 98009-1235
206-746-6542
Fax: 206-746-6522

Approval as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under the WCLB rules, the WWPA rules, the RIS rules and the NLGA rules for Canadian lumber. Approved to supervise glued and machine stress rated lumber.

Redwood Inspection Service
405 Enright Drive, Suite 200
Novato, California 94949
415-882-0522
Fax: 415-882-8531

Approval of rules they publish and as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under these rules, the WCLB rules, and the WWPA rules. Approved to supervise machine stress rated lumber. RIS is a rules writing agency.

Renewable Resource Associates, Inc.
3091 Cheepamal Place
Lithonia, Georgia 30038
770-482-6365
Fax: 770-484-2544

Approval as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under the SPIB rules, the NSL rules and the NGR rules for the softwood species included in those rules. Approved to supervise machine stress rated lumber.

Southern Pine Inspection Bureau
4709 Scenic Highway
Pensacola, Florida 32504
904-334-2511
Fax: 904-334-5504

Approval of rules they publish and as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under these rules, and southern pine under WWPA Molding Stock and Ship Lumber rules, and the NGR and the Posts and Timbers and Beams and Stringers portions of the NLGA, WWPA, WCLB, NSL and NELMA rules for the softwood species included in those rules. Approved to supervise machine stress rated lumber. SPIB is a rules writing agency.

Timber Products Inspection
P.O. Box 919
Gandy, Georgia 30037
770-922-9000
Fax: 770-922-1290

Approval as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under the RIS rules, the SPIB rules, the WCLB rules, the WWPA rules and the NGR portions of the NELMA rules, the NLGA rules for Canadian lumber and the NELMA rules, the Posts and Timbers and Beams and Stringers under the NELMA rules. Approved to supervise glued and machine stress rated lumber.

West Coast Lumber Inspection Bureau
Box 23145
Portland, Oregon 97281
503-639-0851
Fax: 503-684-6928

Approval of rules they publish and as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under these rules, the RIS rules, the WWPA rules, the NLGA rules for Canadian lumber, the Scailford, Boards, Radiate Edge Decking, Finish and NGR portions under the SPIB rules. Approved to supervise glued and machine stress rated lumber. WCLIB is a rules writing agency.

Western Wood Products Association
Yeon Building
522 SW Fifth Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97204-2122
503-224-3930
Fax: 503-224-3934

Approval of rules they publish and as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under these rules, the WCLB rules, the NLGA rules for Canadian lumber, the RIS rules, and the Scailford and the NGR portion of the SPIB rules. Approved to supervise glued and machine stress rated lumber. WWPA is a rules writing agency.
MACHINE STRESS RATED / MACHINE EVALUATED LUMBER

Interpreting Grade Stamps:

Machine Stress Rated Lumber (MSR)

(b.)
12 MACHINE RATED (c.)

1650 Fb 1.5E (c.)

ABC KD DF
(a.) (e.) (d.)

Machine Evaluated Lumber (MEL)

(b.) (e.) (d.)
12 KD19 SP

ABC (a.) M-16 (c.)

1600Fb 1.5E 1300F

GLUED LUMBER

Interpreting Grade Stamps:

(b.)
12 STUD (c.)

ABC S-Dry H-F (a.) (e.) (d.)

VERTICAL USE ONLY (f.)
CERT GLUED JNTS
National Lumber Grades Authority
103-4400 Dominion Street
Burnaby, B.C. V5G 4G3

The following Canadian agencies have been accredited by the Board of Review of the American Lumber Standard Committee as inspection agencies including mill supervisory service under the National Lumber Grades Authority (NLGA) for Canadian lumber. The NLGA is the rules writing agency for Canada.

A.F.P.A® 00
S - P - F
S-DRY STAND

CLA® S-P-F
100 S-DRY
No. 2 S-GRN.

No 1
S-DRY
100 HEM-FIR(N)

CSI® No 1
S-DRY
000 HEM-FIR(N)

S-DRY 1
S-P-F

CFDA® 00
S-P-F S-DRY
CONST

CLIB® 10
S-P-F
No. 1 S-DRY

G.L.I.B.® 100
1 S-DRY
SPRUCE-PINE-FIR

Agriculture Forest Products Association
11738 Kingsway Avenue #200
Edmonton, Alberta T6G 0X5

Approved to supervise glued and machine stress rated lumber.

Canadian Lumbermen’s Association
27 Goodlman Avenue
Ottawa, Ontario K1N 6C7

Approved to provide supervisory service under NGR portion of the NLMA rules.

Canadian Mill Services Association
Suite 1100-555 Burrard Street
Vancouver, B.C. V7X 1S7

Approved to supervise glued and machine stress rated lumber.

Canadian Softwood Inspection Agency, Inc.
22089 - 28 Avenue
Langley, B.C. V2Y 1P1

Approved to supervise glued and machine stress rated lumber.

Cariboo Lumber Manufacturer’s Association
205-197 N. 2nd Avenue
Williams Lake, B.C. V2G 1Z6

Approved to supervise glued and machine stress rated lumber.

Central Forest Products Association
P.O. Box 1109
Hudson Bay, Saskatchewan S0E 0Y0

Approved to supervise glued and machine stress rated lumber.

Coniferous Lumber Inspection Bureau
Kennedy Building - Suite 210
222 McKenzie Street West
North Bay, Ontario P1B 5Y8

Approved to supervise glued and machine stress rated lumber. Approved to provide supervisory service under NGR portion of the NLMA rules.

Gateway Lumber Inspection Bureau, Ltd.
992 Borsa Street
North Bay, Ontario P1B 3V4

Approved to provide supervisory service under the NGR portion and paragraph 114 of the NLGA rules only.