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The following rules have been certified as conforming to the American Softwood Lumber Standard, PS20, by the Board of Review of the American Lumber Standard Committee:

1. **Standard Grading Rules for Northeastern Lumber**; published by the Northeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association (NeLMA), 272 Tuttle Road, P.O. Box 87A, Cumberland Center, ME 04021; phone 207-829-6901; fax 207-829-4293.
2. **Standard Grading Rules**; published by Northern Softwood Lumber Bureau (NSLB), 272 Tuttle Road, P.O. Box 87A, Cumberland Center, ME 04021; phone 207-829-6901; fax 207-829-4293.
3. **Standard Specifications for Grades of California Redwood Lumber**; published by the Redwood Inspection Service (RIS), 405 Enfrente Drive, Suite 200, Novato, CA 94949; phone 415-382-0662; fax 415-382-8531.
4. **Standard Grading Rules for Southern Pine Lumber**; published by the Southern Pine Inspection Bureau (SPIB), 4709 Scenic Highway, Pensacola, FL 32504; phone 850-434-2611; fax 850-433-5594.
5. **Standard Grading Rules for West Coast Lumber**; published by the West Coast Lumber Inspection Bureau (WCLIB), Box 23145, Portland, OR 97281-3145; phone 503-639-0651; fax 503-684-8928.
6. **Western Lumber Grading Rules**; published by Western Wood Products Association (WWPA), Yeon Building, 522 SW Fifth Avenue, Portland, OR 97204-2122; phone 503-224-3930; fax 503-224-3934.
7. **Standard Grading Rules for Canadian Lumber**; published by the National Lumber Grades Authority (NLGA), 406-First Capital Place, 960 Quayside Drive, New Westminster, B.C. V3M 6G2; phone 604-524-2393; fax 604-524-2893

Agencies Accredited By the Board of Review of the American Lumber Standard Committee, Incorporated and Typical Grade Stamps.

TYPICAL GRADE STAMP

AGENCY NAMES AND ADDRESSES



California Lumber Inspection Service (CLIS)
P.O. Box 6989
San Jose, California 95150

209-334-6956
-408-993-1633
Fax: 408-993-1642

1. Approval as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
 - a. WCLIB rules
 - b. RIS rules
 - c. WWPA rules
 - d. NGR, Decking and Western Red Cedar portions of NLGA rules
 - e. NGR, Boards and Scaffold Plank portions of SPIB rules
2. Approved to supervise glued lumber.



Northeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association (NeLMA)
272 Tuttle Road, P.O. Box 87A
Cumberland Center, Maine 04021

207-829-6901
Fax: 207-829-4293
e-mail: nelma@javanet.com

1. NeLMA is a rules writing agency.
2. Approval of rules they publish and as an inspection agency including mill supervisory services under:
 - a. NeLMA rules
 - b. NSLB rules
 - c. NGR, Posts and Timbers, and Beams and Stringers portions of WCLIB rules
 - d. NGR, Selects and Common Boards, 4/4 Shop, Heavy Shop, Posts and Timbers, and Beams and Stringers under the WWPA rules
 - e. NGR portion of the SPIB rules
3. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.



Northern Softwood Lumber Bureau (NSLB)

272 Tuttle Road, P.O. Box 87A
Cumberland Center, Maine 04021

207-829-6901
Fax: 207-829-4293
e-mail: nelma@javanet.com

1. NSLB is a rules writing agency.
2. Approval of rules they publish and as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
 - a. NSLB rules
 - b. NGR portions of the WCLIB rules
 - c. NGR portions of the WWPA rules
 - d. NGR portions of the NLGA rules
3. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.



Pacific Lumber Inspection Bureau (PLIB)

P.O. Box 7235
Bellevue, Washington 98008

425-746-6542
Fax: 425-746-5522

1. Approval as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
 - a. WCLIB rules
 - b. WWPA rules
 - c. RIS rules
 - d. NLGA rules
2. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.



Redwood Inspection Service (RIS)

405 Enfrente Drive, Suite 200
Novato, California 94949

415-382-0662
Fax: 415-382-8531
e-mail: cjjourdain@worldnet.att.net

1. RIS is a rules writing agency.
2. Approval of rules they publish and as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
 - a. RIS rules
 - b. WCLIB rules
 - c. WWPA rules
3. Approved to supervise machine graded lumber.



Renewable Resource Associates, Inc. (RRA)

3091 Chaparral Place
Lithonia, Georgia 30038

770-482-9385
Fax: 770-484-2541
e-mail: rra.inc.@mindspring.com

1. Approval as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
 - a. SPIB rules
 - b. NGR, Posts and Timbers, and Beams and Stringers portions of the NLGA rules
 - c. NGR, Selects and Finish, Boards, Posts and Timbers and Beams and Stringers portions of the WWPA rules
 - d. NGR, Posts and Timbers, and Beams and Stringers portions of the WCLIB rules
 - e. NGR, Selects and Finish, Boards, Posts and Timbers, and Beams and Stringers portions of the NeLMA rules
 - f. NGR, Selects and Finish, Boards, Mouldings, Posts and Timbers, and Beams and Stringers portions of the NSLB rules
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SPIB® No. 2
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Southern Pine Inspection Bureau (SPIB)

4709 Scenic Highway
Pensacola, Florida 32504

850-434-2611
Fax: 850-433-5594
e-mail: spib@spib.org

1. SPIB is a rules writing agency.
2. Approval of rules they publish and as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
 - a. SPIB rules
 - b. Southern pine graded under WWPA Moulding Stock and Shop Lumber rules
 - c. NGR, Posts and Timbers, and Beams and Stringers portions of NeLMA rules
 - d. NGR, Posts and Timbers, and Beams and Stringers portions of NSLB rules
 - e. NGR, Posts and Timbers, and Beams and Stringers portions of WCLIB rules
 - f. NGR, Posts and Timbers, and Beams and Stringers portions of WWPA rules
 - g. NGR, Posts and Timbers, and Beams and Stringers portions of NLGA rules
3. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.

Timber Products Inspection (TP)

P.O. Box 919
Conyers, Georgia 30012

770-922-8000
Fax: 770-922-1290
e-mail: jmoore@tpinspection.com

1. Approval as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
 - a. SPIB rules
 - b. RIS rules
 - c. WCLIB rules
 - d. WWPA rules
 - e. NGR, Posts and Timbers, and Beams and Stringers, and Section 6-Eastern White Pine Board Grades portions of the NeLMA rules
 - f. NGR, paragraph 112-Selects and paragraph 113-Commons portions of the NLGA rules
 - g. NGR portion of the NSLB rules
2. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.

West Coast Lumber Inspection Bureau (WCLIB)

Box 23145
Portland, Oregon 9728-3145

503-639-0651
Fax: 503-684-8928
e-mail: bshelley@wclib.org
e-mail: info@wclib.org

1. WCLIB is a rules writing agency.
2. Approval of rules they publish and as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
 - a. WCLIB rules
 - b. RIS rules
 - c. WWPA rules
 - d. NLGA rules
 - e. NGR, Scaffold Plank, Radius Edge Decking, Finish and Boards portions of the SPIB rules
3. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.

Western Wood Products Association (WWPA)

Yeon Building
522 SW Fifth Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97204-2122

503-224-3930
Fax: 503-224-3934
e-mail: info@wwpa.org

1. WWPA is a rules writing agency.
2. Approval of rules they publish and as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
 - a. WWPA rules
 - b. WCLIB rules
 - c. NLGA rules
 - d. RIS rules
 - e. NGR and Scaffold Plank portions of the SPIB rules
3. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.

National Lumber Grades Authority (NLGA)

406-First Capital Place
960 Quayside Drive
New Westminster, British Columbia V3M 6G2

604-524-2393

Fax: 604-524-2893

e-mail: nlga@axionet.com

The NLGA is the rules writing agency for Canada. 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 as indicated below.

A.F.P.A.[®] 00
S-P-F
S-DRY STAND

Alberta Forest Products Association (AFPA)

11738 Kingsway Avenue # 200
Edmonton, Alberta T5G 0X5

780-452-2841

Fax: 780-455-0505

e-mail: ndupuis@compusmart.ad.ca

1. Approved as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
 - a. NLGA rules
2. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.

CL[®]A
S-P-F
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No. 2
S-GRN.

CL[®]A 100
SPRUCE-PINE-FIR
NO. 1 S-DRY

Canadian Lumbermen's Association (CLA)

27 Goulburn Avenue
Ottawa, Ontario K1N 8C7

613-233-6205

Fax: 613-233-1929

e-mail: cla@sympatico.ca

1. Approved as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
 - a. NLGA rules
 - b. NGR portion of NeLMA rules
2. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.



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

Canadian Mill Services Association (CMSA)

Suite 1115-555 Burrard Street
Vancouver, British Columbia V7X 1M8

604-891-1200

Fax: 604-891-1217

e-mail: beatty@canserve.org

1. Approved as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
 - a. NLGA rules
 - b. NGR portion of WWPA rules for Douglas fir, larch and SPF(S).
2. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.

CSI[®]
No 1
S-DRY
000 HEM-FIR(N)

Canadian Softwood Inspection Agency, Inc. (CSI)

22089 28th Avenue
Langley, British Columbia V2Z 1P1

604-532-7624

Fax: 604-532-7625

1. Approved as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
 - a. NLGA rules
2. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.

CLMA[®]
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Cariboo Lumber Manufacturers Association (CLMA)

205-197 N. 2nd Avenue
Williams Lake, British Columbia V2G 1Z6

250-392-7778

Fax: 250-392-4692

e-mail: clma@wlake.com

1. Approved as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
 - a. NLGA rules
2. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.

CFPA[®] 00
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Central Forest Products Association (CFPA)

Suite #309, 35-2855 Pembina Hwy.
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 2N5

204-487-7403

Fax: 204-487-3769

1. Approved as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
 - a. NLGA rules
 - b. NGR portion of the NeLMA rules
2. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.

GLIB[®] 100
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SPRUCE-PINE-FIR

Gateway Lumber Inspection Bureau (GLIB)

992 Burns Street
North Bay, Ontario P1B 3V4

705-474-9148

Fax: 705-474-3644

1. Approved as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
 - a. NGR, paragraph 114, Posts and Timbers, and Beams and Stringers portions of the NLGA rules
2. Approved to supervise glued lumber



Interior Lumber Manufacturers Association (ILMA)

360-1855 Kirschner Road
Kelowna, British Columbia V1Y 4N7

250-860-9663
Fax: 250-860-0009
e-mail: ilma@ilma.com

1. Approved as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
 - a. NLGA rules
 - b. NGR portion of the WWPA rules
2. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.

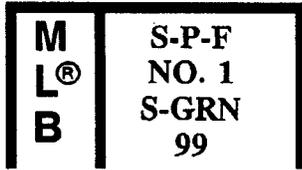


Macdonald Inspection (MI)

110-1720 14th Avenue
Campbell River, British Columbia V9W 8B9

250-287-4422
Fax: 250-287-4622
e-mail: macinsp@island.net

1. Approved as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
 - a. NLGA rules
 - b. NGR portion of the WWPA rules
 - c. NGR portion of the WCLIB rules
2. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.



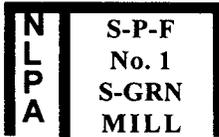
Maritime Lumber Bureau (MLB)

P.O. Box 459
Amherst, Nova Scotia B4H 4A1

902-667-3889
Fax: 902-667-0401
e-mail: mlb@ns.sympatico.ca

1. Approved as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
 - a. NLGA rules
 - b. NGR and Section 6-Eastern White Pine Board Grades portions of the NeLMA rules
2. Approved to supervise glued lumber.

NFLD. LUMBER



Newfoundland and Labrador Lumber Producers Association (NLPA)

P.O. Box 8
Glovertown, Newfoundland A0G 2L0

709-533-2206
Fax: 709-533-2611

1. Approved as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
 - a. NLGA rules



Northern Forest Products Association (NFPA)

400-1488 Fourth Avenue
Prince George, British Columbia V2L 4Y2

250-564-5136
Fax: 250-564-3588
e-mail: nfpa@pgweb.com

1. Approved as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
 - a. NLGA rules
2. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.



Ontario Lumber Manufacturers Association (OLMA)

65 Queen Street West, Suite 210
Toronto, Ontario M5H 2M5

416-367-9717
Fax: 416-367-3415
e-mail: olma.to.cda@myna.com

1. Approved as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
 - a. NLGA rules
 - b. NGR and Section 6-Eastern White Pine Board Grades portions of the NeLMA rules
2. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.



Pacific Lumber Inspection Bureau (PLIB)

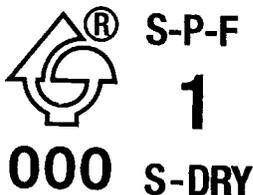
P.O. Box 7235
Bellevue, Washington 98008

British Columbia Division:

P.O. Box 19118
Fourth Avenue Postal Outlet
Vancouver, British Columbia V6K 4R8

425-746-6542
Fax: 604-732-1782

1. Approved as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
 - a. NLGA rules
2. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.



Quebec Lumber Manufacturers Association (QLMA)

5055 West Hamel Boulevard, Suite 200
Quebec, Quebec G2E 2G6

418-872-5610
Fax: 418-872-3062
e-mail: ambsq@riq.qc.ca

1. Approved as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
 - a. NLGA rules
 - b. NGR and paragraph 6.5 Commons portions of the NeLMA rules
2. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.

INTERPRETING GRADE STAMPS

With few exceptions (see note), all approved grade stamps include the following five elements.

Visually Graded Lumber¹:

(a) TRADEMARK®	(c) Grade Designation
(b) Mill Identification	(d) (e) Species Seasoning

- a. *Trademark* – indicates identity of agency quality supervision
- b. *Mill Identification* – product manufacturer name, brand or assigned mill number
- c. *Grade Designation* – grade name (number or abbreviation)
- d. *Species Identification* – name or abbreviation of individual species or species combination
- e. *Condition of Seasoning* – moisture content classification at time of surfacing:
 1. *S-Dry* – 19% maximum moisture content
 2. *MC 15* – 15% maximum moisture content
 3. *KD* – kiln dried to moisture content indicated in grading rules
 4. *S-GRN* – over 19% moisture content (unseasoned)

Machine Graded Lumber¹:

Grade stamps on machine graded lumber include the five elements listed above for visually graded lumber. Grade designations for the two types of machine graded lumber, machine stress rated (MSR) lumber and machine evaluated lumber (MEL), are distinctive from those used for visually graded lumber grades.

Machine Stress Rated Lumber (MSR) Stamp:

(b) Mill Identification	(d) Species	(e) Seasoning
(a) TRADEMARK®	(c) ##### Fb - #.#E	
Machine Rated		

- MSR grade designations are composed of the assigned extreme fiber in bending (Fb or f) in psi and the assigned modulus of elasticity (E) in millions of pound per square inch. Examples include 1650f-1.5E, 2100f-1.8E and 2400f-2.0E.
- The phrase “Machine Rated” or “MSR” is also required on machine stress rated lumber stamps.

Machine Evaluated Lumber (MEL) Stamp:

(a) TRADEMARK®	(b) Mill Identification	
(d) Species	(e) Seasoning	
(c) M – xx		
##### Fb	#.# E	##### Ft

- MEL grade designations use the format, M-xx; where xx indicates a one or two digit number. Examples include M-12, M-15 and M-19.
- In addition, the assigned extreme fiber in bending (Fb or f) in psi, the assigned modulus of elasticity (E) in millions of pound per square inch, and the assigned tension parallel to grain (Ft) in psi are required elements on machine evaluated lumber stamps.

Glued Lumber¹:

(a) TRADEMARK®	(b) Mill Identification
(d) Species	(e) Seasoning
(c) Grade Identification (Type Glue/Appropriate Use)	

Grade stamps on glued lumber include all the information indicated for visually graded lumber. In addition, the grade stamp includes a designation or abbreviation indicating the type of glue joint and appropriate use. Examples include “Stud Use Only”, “Vertical Use Only”, “Certified End Joint” and “Certified Exterior Joints”.

¹ Grade Stamp Layout – The placement of the required elements within a grade stamp may vary, depending on the preferences of the specific supervising agency. The sample grade stamp facsimiles that accompany the agency listing herein provide a good example of the typical placement of elements preferred by that particular agency. Contact the agency, whose trademark appears on the lumber, for specific information related to the agency’s grade stamping policies.

Note: Grade stamps for timbers are not required to include the condition of seasoning.

Grade stamps are permitted to include information that is not required, so long as the additional information is not confusing, misleading or deceptive. Contact the agency, whose trademark appears on the lumber, for specific information related to the agency’s grade stamping policy.

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