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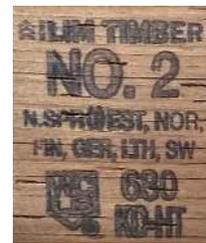
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Re: Requirements to market structural lumber in Canada

Dear Mr. Goetz,

It has come to the attention of the Canadian Lumber Standards Accreditation Board (CLSAB) which is the official body that monitors the quality of Canada's lumber grading and identification system that lumber manufactured by ILM Timber bearing the following grade marks is being marketed in Canada as structural lumber. This letter is to advise that lumber produced by ILM Timber does not meet the criteria established by the National Building Code of Canada (NBCC) to be marketed in Canada as structural lumber.



The National Building Code of Canada requires structural lumber to comply with CSA-O-141-Softwood Lumber and CSA-O-86-Engineering Design in Wood.

CSA-O-141 specifies requirements pertaining to the quality and uniformity of softwood lumber manufactured in Canada and establishes the designation "Canadian Standard Lumber" for lumber that meets the requirements of this Standard. Softwood lumber may be designated as Canadian Standard Lumber if the following conditions are met:

- a) The lumber complies with the minimum requirements of CSA-O-141.
- b) The lumber is graded in accordance with grading rules approved by the CLSAB.
- c) The lumber is inspected and identified in accordance with the regulations of the CLSAB.
- d) Grade stamping of Canadian Standard Lumber shall be carried out by a CLSAB accredited Agency.

CSA-O-86-Engineering design in wood provides criteria for the structural design and appraisal of structures or structural elements made from graded lumber. Design in accordance with CSA-O-86 is predicated on the use of lumber that is graded in accordance with the National Lumber Grades Authority (NLGA) Standard Grading Rules for Canadian Standard Lumber and identified by the grade stamp of a CLSAB Accredited Agency.

Presently, there are no parameters to enable the marketing of lumber produced by ILIM Timber as structural lumber in Canada. ILIM Timber should contact the Canadian Wood Council (CWC), as they are the Secretariat of the CSA-O-86 Technical Committee and they are responsible for setting the parameters. Kevin McKinley of CWC can be contacted by email at kmckinley@cwcc.ca or by phone at

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at cdentelbeck@clsab.ca or by phone at 613-482-2480.

Yours truly,



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