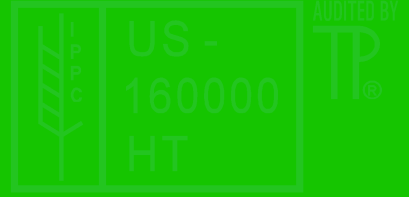




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MISUSE OF TRADEMARKS (MEMO FROM ALSC)

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The following information was provided by the American Lumber Standard Committee:

In the past few weeks several incidents of misuse of WPM trademarks have been uncovered. Be aware that violation of registered WPM stamps has severe penalties [Offenses are considered environmental crimes and prosecuted by the U.S. Justice Department].

There are two registered trademarks on each WPM stamp. The agency trademark and the IPPC mark. The U.S. government Department of Agriculture has the responsibility to protect the integrity of the IPPC mark and each agency has the responsibility to protect its mark.

It is important that abuse of registered trademarks be stopped. Please advise your clients to report any suspected misuse of WPM stamps to the office of the American Lumber Standard Committee by calling the office at 301-972-1700 or by e-mail alsc@alsc.org. All reports are investigated and kept confidential.

Feel free to contact Timber Product Inspection directly with information regarding fraudulent use of marks. TP will honor all requests to remain anonymous.

THE LANGUAGE IN ISPM 15 REGARDING DEBARKED WOOD*:

Irrespective of the type of treatment applied, wood packaging material MUST be made of debarked wood. For this standard, any number of visually separate and clearly distinct small pieces of bark may remain if they are:

- less than 3 cm in width (regardless of the length) or
- greater than 3 cm in width, with the total surface area of an individual piece of bark less than 50 square cm.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND, presence of excessive bark can be easily detected and subject to quarantine by Port Inspectors.

* Australia still requires BARK FREE.

TYLENOL RECALL

Many have inquired about 2,4,6 - tribromophenol (TBP) and 2,4,6 - tribromoanisole (TBA). TP can analyze wood for presence of these compounds. Feel free to contact us for details. For more info regarding the recall, please visit www.nwpc.com.

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