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To: **Lumber Manufacturers Interested in JAS Certification**
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Subject: JAS Certification Process Summary

TP is an approved Registered Overseas Certifying Body (ROCB) by the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (MAFF) for the following wood products as listed under the Japanese Agricultural Standard (JAS) 600 Structural Lumber for Wood Frame Construction:

- A Type Solid Sawn Lumber
- B Type Solid Sawn Lumber
- MSR Solid Sawn Lumber
- Finger Jointed Lumber - Vertical Use Only
- A Type Finger Jointed Lumber
- B Type Finger Jointed Lumber
- MSR Type Finger Jointed Lumber
- Preservative Treatment

The full application process for a new mill wanting to become certified to produce JAS lumber is outlined in TP's JAS Product Certification Manual for Lumber. Here is a brief listing of the steps required and expected turnaround times:

1. Potential client completes and submits TP's JAS Application for review by TP's application committee. The application review and acceptance process is typically completed in less than 30 days.
2. If the application is accepted, the client submits their signed JAS contract, their Quality Manual, and any other supporting documents.
3. Preliminary assessment of the quality manual and other supporting documentation is typically completed in less than 30 days.
4. The signed JAS Lumber contract and a previewed QC manual allow for an on-site visit to be scheduled. This typically can be scheduled in less than 30 days.
5. The on-site assessment is performed during which the mills facilities are inspected to confirm compliance with JAS requirements and with the mills supplied QC manual. Corrective Action Requests (CAR's) are issued if necessary.
6. The initial assessment findings are evaluated, and JAS certification is issued once it is determined that the client has favorably complied with all requirements and addressed any non-conformances as required by level of severity.
7. Stamps can then be issued, and routine annual surveillance audits can begin

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