

Standard Grading Rules for Southern Pine Lumber

Management of Change Form



Name of Person Requesting the Change: SPIB

Date of Requested Change: 8/21/2024

Request Title: Add a section specifying that “MC##” may be used to designate moisture content limits on material over 2” in nominal thickness.

Printed Date: Fall 2024

Change Category:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Proposal to align with National Grading Rule | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal to align with SPIB governance |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Proposal to align with PS 20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade Rule - Addition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Editorial change to existing content | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade Rule – Removal |

Description of Proposed Change:

SPIB has historically allowed the inclusion of “MC23” or “MC25” in a grade stamp to specify moisture limits for products thicker than 2” that otherwise have no limit on moisture content. Rule book editions prior to 2014 referenced these limitations, but the 2014 rule book did not. Addition of a new paragraph is needed to clarify that this nomenclature is permissible in grade marks on lumber that is thicker than 2”.

Rationale:

Mills are currently utilizing this nomenclature, but there is no reference to it in the rule book.

Proposal:

Add a new paragraph explaining the allowable use of MC23 and MC25 nomenclature.

Supporting Information:

See the following page for the proposed change to the rule book.

END FORM



164.6 "MC" can also be used to designate a moisture content limit above 19% for lumber greater than 2" in nominal thickness. For example, designations such as "MC23" (limit 23%) or "MC25" (limit 25%) can be used. If the designation is applied to a product, the product shall conform to the moisture limit specified.

164.7 "HT" (heat treated lumber) has been placed in a closed chamber with artificial heat until the lumber achieves a minimum core temperature of 133° F (56° C) for a minimum of 30 minutes.