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To the Standard users and interested parties of **ANSI A190.1, ANSI 117, ANSI/APA PRS 610.1 and ANSI/APA PRG 320**,

At the request of ANSI to comply with its *Essential Requirements: Due Process Requirement for American National Standard*, APA – The Engineered Wood Association processed editorial changes to the abovementioned standards. These standards maintained their designation, approved publication date, with the addition of errata note on page iii.

Detailed editorial changes are summarized below:
Notation: Original text, ~~remove~~, addition.

1) ANSI A190.1-2022:

6.3.1 Visually Graded Lumber

Lumber shall be graded according to standard grading rules approved by ~~the Board of Review of the American Lumber Standard Committee (ALSC)~~ a nationally recognized lumber grademarking accreditation program (see Note 5) or written special laminating grading rules. Such grades of lumber shall be modified, as necessary, to comply with additional requirements set forth in the laminating specifications for the species.

Note 5: The nationally recognized lumber grademarking accreditation program includes American Lumber Standard Committee (ALSC) Board of Review in the U.S. or equivalent. [Subsequent notes are re-numbered]

6.3.2 Mechanically Graded Lumber

Mechanically graded lumber shall be graded according to standard grading rules approved by ~~the Board of Review of the ALSC~~ a nationally recognized lumber grademarking accreditation program (see Note 5) or special rules determined to be in conformance with this Standard by the Technical Review Board.

2) ANSI 117-2025:

C5.3.3 Visual Limitations
C5.3.3.1 Edge Characteristics

Characteristics such as knots, knotholes, burls and distorted grain occurring at the edges of the wide faces shall be measured and limited to a fraction of the cross section ~~in conformance with American Lumber Standards approved procedures~~ in the following categories:

C6.9.1 General

This alternate provision covers lumber mechanically graded under the provisions ~~of the American Lumber Standard~~ of a lumber grading agency. These grades shall be qualified and quality controlled by test for strength and stiffness by an agency ~~accredited by the American Lumber Standard Committee's Board of Review~~ approved by a nationally recognized lumber grademarking accreditation program (see Note 7). [Subsequent notes are re-numbered]

Note 7: The nationally recognized lumber grademarking accreditation program includes American Lumber Standard Committee (ALSC) Board of Review in the U.S. or equivalent.

C6.9.4 Quality Control

The quality control requirements of this alternate tension lamination material are the responsibility of the lumber producer under the supervision of a lumber grading agency ~~accredited by the American Lumber Standard Committee's Board of Review~~ approved by a nationally recognized lumber grademarking accreditation program (see Note 7).

3) ANSI/APA PRG 320-2025:

3.2 Terms Specific to This Standard

Standard Lumber Grade—structural lumber grade that is found in the grading rules of a recognized rules-writing agency approved by ~~the American Lumber Standard Committee (ALSC) Board of Review or Canadian Lumber Standards Accreditation Board (CLSAB)~~ a nationally recognized lumber grademarking accreditation program (see Note 6) and has design values published in the National Design Specification (NDS) Supplement in the U.S. or CSA O86 in Canada

Note 6: The nationally recognized lumber grademarking accreditation program includes American Lumber Standard Committee (ALSC) Board of Review in the U.S., Canadian Lumber Standards Accreditation Board (CLSAB) in Canada, or equivalent. [Subsequent notes are re-numbered]

6.1.2 Sawn Lumber Laminations

a. Lumber species – Lumber of any softwood or hardwood species or species combinations recognized ~~by American Lumber Standard Committee (ALSC)~~ under PS 20 or ~~Canadian Lumber Standards Accreditation Board (CLSAB) under~~ CSA O141 with a minimum published specific gravity of 0.35, as published in the National Design Specification for Wood Construction (NDS) in the U.S. and CSA O86 in Canada, shall be permitted.

b. Standard lumber grades – Dimension lumber shall be graded in accordance with rules approved by ~~the American Lumber Standard Committee (ALSC) Board of Review or the Canadian Lumber Standards Accreditation Board (CLSAB)~~ a nationally recognized lumber grademarking accreditation program (see Note 6). The minimum grade of lumber in the longitudinal layers shall be 1200f-1.2E MSR or visual grade No. 2 and the minimum grade of lumber in the transverse layers shall be visual grade No. 3.

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c. Non-standard lumber grades – Dimension lumber graded and quality-controlled by established rules other than those approved by ~~ALSC Board of Review or CLSAB~~ a nationally recognized lumber grademarking accreditation program (see Note 6) shall be permitted provided that the lumber is mechanically graded and the design values for strength and stiffness are determined by an approved agency in accordance with ASTM D6570 and meet or exceed those of the minimum Standard Lumber Grades specified in 6.1.2.b.

4) ANSI/APA PRS 610.1-2023:

B1. Lumber

The top and bottom plates of SIP assemblies shall be lumber conforming to the requirements of PS 20 and bearing the trademark and grade of a lumber grading agency recognized by ~~American Lumber Standards Committee (ALSC) or Canadian Lumber Standards Accreditation Board (CLSAB)~~ a nationally recognized lumber grademarking accreditation program (see Note 2), provided that the wood species/grade is No. 2 Spruce-Pine-Fir (SPF).

Note 2: The nationally recognized lumber grademarking accreditation program includes American Lumber Standard Committee (ALSC) Board of Review in the U.S., Canadian Lumber Standards Accreditation Board (CLSAB) in Canada, or equivalent. [Subsequent notes are re-numbered]

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