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COMMUNIQUÉ: European Union CE Marking Update – Structural Lumber

Issue:

- In the revision to the new harmonized standard of EN 14081-1 the utilization the “KD” on the Canadian Grade Stamp instead of “Dry-Graded” was requested as a modification to the Grade Rule interpretation as Canadian lumber had been exported to the EU and was widely known and understood.
- Under the rules of the CEN harmonized standards this request for a modification had to go through an inquiry period.

Results:

- The request to continue utilizing “KD” and/or “KD/HT” on our Canadian grade stamps has been approved and we do not have to change to the “Dry-Graded” nomenclature.
- The contractual requirements are being signed off between CLSAB and its European Notified Body “BM TRADA” this week (March 23, 2009).

CE Marking becomes Mandatory

- CE Marking of Structural Lumber into the 27 Member States of the EU becomes **mandatory on September 1, 2009**
- The CE Mark on Canadian structural lumber, along with other EU related information, has been approved for incorporation within the boundaries of the official Grade Agency Stamp formats.

Next Steps

- For those facilities who want to incorporate the CE Mark into their grade stamp configuration, you need to request the new stamps from your Grading Agency.
- There is a requirement that each shipment have an “Accompanying Commercial Document” that can also be obtained from your Grading Agency

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