



PACIFIC LUMBER INSPECTION BUREAU

HEAT TREATMENT CERTIFICATION USING A KILN FACILITY

AGREEMENT

Some countries may require certification that lumber is heat treated using a kiln facility. Such certification may be made by means of a phytosanitary certificate issued by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) upon receipt of a PLIB *Heat Treatment Certification Using a Kiln Facility* certificate under agreement with APHIS and certain lumber producers.

PLIB may authorize selected company employees to issue or supervise the issuance of *Heat Treatment Certification Using a Kiln Facility* certificates providing all pieces in the shipment have been heat treated to the extent that all parts of the wood, including the core, have reached a temperature of at least 133 degrees F (56 degrees C) for 30 minutes, and in the case of heat treated lumber that is certified to be kiln dried, that the moisture content of the wood has been reduced to less than 20 percent by weight. Bundles of wood that have been heat treated/kiln dried in accordance with this agreement and that are destined for the European Community shall be marked "HT" or "KD" by the preparing mill/kiln facility. Any certificate signed by a person authorized by PLIB and then validated by the PLIB head office becomes an official PLIB document.

Company employees are authorized to act for PLIB only if they and their employer agree to abide by these heat treatment and/or kiln drying requirements. Failure to abide by these heat treatment/kiln drying requirements on certified shipments will be grounds for cancellation of mill authority to issue such certificates.

PLIB AGREES:

- (1) to furnish *Heat Treatment Certification Using a Kiln Facility* certificates,
- (2) to inspect random shipments to assure the integrity of the certification program,
- (3) to maintain records to support company documentation and
- (4) to permit APHIS personnel to inspect PLIB records.

OUR COMPANY AGREES:

- (1) to issue certificates only under the supervision of the PLIB authorized individual(s) at our mill(s),
- (2) to issue such certificates only on lumber that meets the requirements of this agreement,
- (3) to permit PLIB and APHIS inspectors to inspect company records and to sample company shipments during normal working hours to ascertain that heat treatment/kiln drying requirements are being met,
- (4) to forward copies of the typed certificates to PLIB for validation and distribution,
- (5) to indemnify, defend and hold harmless PLIB from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, and judgements including all costs, expenses and attorney fees incurred by PLIB which directly, or indirectly, may arise out of, or be predicated upon, or result from our Company's use or misuse of such certificate or PLIB's issuance of such certificates including costs of any reinspections or corrective measures made necessary by shipments found not in compliance with the certifications or any damages or claims for damages resulting therefrom.

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Company _____

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Title _____

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