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USE OF IMPORTED TIMBER AS STRUCTURAL TIMBER

The SANS 1783 grading rules were developed for timber derived from South African grown *pinus* species and therefore may not be applicable to timber grown in other countries. Tests on timber from certain areas in Southern America revealed non compliance with our local stress value requirements.

It has come to our attention that timber of structural dimensions is being imported from other countries by some Brokers. These Importers or Brokers are trying to sell the timber to Certified Sawmills for grading. It is not illegal to import such timber. The grading and certification of this timber without prior initial Type testing and approval, conflicts with the requirements of the protocol. SATAS certified companies will not be allowed to use the SATAS certification mark on such product.

Time and money has been spent by the Industry to develop a protocol defining the procedure for importation of timber for structural application. This document is internationally acceptable and was drawn up along the lines of similar requirements in other countries.

We at SATAS support this protocol. There is a shortage of structural timber in SA and we welcome any effort to relieve the situation through imports. However we expect from our Certificate Holders to follow the rules.

If you require further information on the protocol, please talk to us. One SA company has already followed the requirements of the protocol and now has approval to import SATAS certified graded structural timber.

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AANWENDING VAN INGEVOERDE HOUT VIR STRUKTUELE DOELEINDES

Die SANS gradeer reëls was ontwikkel vir hout afkomstig van Suid Afrikaans gekweekte *Pinus* spesies en is nie noodwendig van toepassing op hout van ander lande nie. Toetse op hout van sekere streke in Suid Amerika het juis getoon dat dit nie aan ons plaaslike sterkte vereistes voldoen nie.

Dit het onder ons aandag gekom dat hout van struktuele afmetings vanaf ander lande ingevoer word. Die agente of invoerders probeer dan hierdie hout aan plaaslik gesertifiseerde saagmeulens verkoop vir gradering as konstruksie hout.

Die invoer van hierdie hout is wettig. Die gradering en aanwending van hierdie hout sonder die vooraf toets en goedkeuring is strydig met die protokol op ingevoerde konstruksie hout. Maatskappye sal nie toegelaat word om die SATAS sertifiserings merk op sulke hout aan te bring nie.

Die Industrie het geld en tyd spandeer om die protokol wat die prosedure vir die invoer van konstruksie hout gee, te ontwikkel. Die protokol is Internasionaal gesirkuleer en aanvaar. Die riglyne is gebaseer op dokumente wat ander lande vir dieselfde doel in gebruik het.

Ons by SATAS ondersteun die protokol en ondersteun enige poging om die tekort deur invoere te bevredig. Daar is 'n tekort aan konstruksie hout in Suid Afrika. Ons verwag egter van ons Sertifikaat Houers om volgens die reëls te werk.

Indien u verdere inligting benodig, praat asb met ons. Een SA Maatskappy het reeds sertifisering om konstruksie hout volgens die bepalinge van die protokol in te voer.

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