

Below are a few comments that we, at NLGA, believe warrant a discussion for the upcoming edition of PS20.

## Section 6.1

Should we consider adding a reference to the Machine Graded Lumber Policy and the Glued Lumber Policy under new sections 6.1.7 and 6.1.8

As a suggestion:

### 6.1.7 Machine-graded lumber

Grading rules may include provisions for machine-graded lumber as an adjunct to visual grading, in which case the rules shall require compliance with an applicable Standard approved by the ALSC under the Machine Graded Lumber Policy. When graded by mechanical means, all such grading equipment and methods shall be subject to approval by the ALSC.

Grading rules shall include provisions for grading residual lumber from a machine-graded process.

### 6.1.8 Glued lumber

Grading rules may include provisions for the production of end-jointed or face-glued lumber, in which case the rules shall require compliance with an applicable Standard approved by the ALSC under the Glued Lumber Policy. Adhesives for use in approved Standards shall be subject to approval by the ALSC.

If accepted, this would require adding details in 6.2.6 Grade marking

## Section 6.2.1

While we understand the objective, the current practice may require a review of D7438 requirements and the applicability of the corrections factors embedded in various commercial measuring equipment used by agencies and ALSC inspectors.

Should PS20 be more explicit on the development and applicability of the various correction factors used for MC measurements?

Also in 6.2.6

The current clause makes it difficult to stamp rough lumber as it refers to “time of dressing”. Some rough lumber may be stamped but we also need to keep the option of not making grade stamping rough-sawn lumber mandatory.

Should we refer to time of manufacturing to be more inclusive?

We also suggest adding *or less* in the sentence below

....or KD if kiln dried to a maximum moisture content of 19 percent *or less* at time of surfacing.

Respectfully submitted,

R



Richard Desjardins, ing. M.Sc.

President/Président

National Lumber Grades Authority/Commission Nationale de Classification des Sciages

Office/bureau: (604) 673-9100

Cell: (418) 806-6328

[www.nlga.org](http://www.nlga.org)

[rdesjardins@nlga.org](mailto:rdesjardins@nlga.org)

**New Address/ Nouvelle Adresse**

420-99 Bank St.

Ottawa, On,

K1P 6B9