

Standard Grading Rules for Southern Pine Lumber

Management of Change Form



Name of Person Requesting the Change: Russel Birdsong

Date of Requested Change: 6/22/2021

Request Title: Remove Occasional Pieces from Section 739 Sawcuts

Printed Date: 11/1/2022

Change Category:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Proposal to align with National Grading Rule | <input type="checkbox"/> Proposal to align with SPIB governance |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal to align with ALSC | <input type="checkbox"/> Proposal based Resource Monitoring Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proposal to align with PS 20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade Rule - Addition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Editorial change to existing content | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade Rule – Removal |

Description of Proposed Change: *(In very few words, what does the proposed change accomplish?)*

Remove “in occasional pieces” to align the Standard Grading Rules for Southern Yellow Pine Lumber with ALSC.

Rationale: *(Briefly explain why the proposal should be adopted?)*

Per a conversation with Paul Conway ALSC Vice President, ALSC sawcuts are not assessed in regard to an occasional piece as defined by PS-20 Appendix B:

occasional pieces--not more than 10% of the pieces in a parcel or shipment

Proposal: *(Show new, revised, or deleted text exactly as it would appear in the legislative format: ~~Line through text~~ to be deleted. Underline text to be added. If possible, avoid using the “track changes” tool; instead, use the “strikethrough” and “underline” features in the font menu. Please note section(s) to be deleted if revisions are extensive and include replacement text. Please make every effort to include the text within this section, not as a separate attachment. Do not include unaffected sections, tables, or figures unless it is necessary to demonstrate the relationship of proposed revisions.)*

739. Saw Cuts (Saw Kerfs)

Is an intermediate saw cut perpendicular to the length of the piece and is usually caused by malfunctioning trimmer saw or saws. A saw cut is allowed ~~in occasional pieces~~ of No. 2 or lower grades. Cuts can occur in two ways: (1) the cut passes completely through the thickness and extends across a portion of the width and; (2) the cut does not pass completely through the thickness and may extend completely or partially across the width. When the cut is completely through the thickness, it is limited to a maximum penetration across the width to 1/2 the allowable edge knot size. When the cut does not pass completely through the piece, it is limited on a basis of 1/2 the equivalent edge knot displacement.

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Supporting Information:

Email from Russell Birdsong on 6/22/2021

“Also with paragraph 739 referring to saw cuts the sentence “A saw cut is allowed in occasional pieces of No.2 and lower grades”. The wording “occasional pieces” could be removed. If you all remember we discussed this over the phone with ALSC while discussing this issue and they said that ALSC does not limit saw cuts to the occasional piece. We decided that we do not need to be more restrictive than ALSC or other agencies.”

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