

A comparative, if somewhat subjective, assessment of quality standards among Germany, France and the United Kingdom for windows, roof trusses and mouldings is presented in Table 9. Standards are ranked as high, medium and low for clear surface, knot limits, moisture content (high means tight specification), stable shape, dense grain and accurate measurement. The assessment is compiled from a report on opportunities from Ontario, *European Market Opportunities for Ontario Lumber Products*, Special Advisor on Economic Adjustment,

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, and Forestry Canada, June 1990. Similar data were not presented for Italy.

2.6.4 Wood Type

A comparative assessment of the use of hardwood and softwood in selected applications in France, Germany and the United Kingdom is presented in Table 10. The assessment is compiled from the Henley International report cited above. Similar data were not available for Italy.

Table 9
Comparative Quality Requirements
for Selected Products

Windows						
	Clear Surface	Knot Limits	Moist. Content	Stable Shape	Dense Grain	Accurate Measurement
France	H	n/a	H	H	H	M
United Kingdom	M	H	M	H	H	M
Germany	H	H	H	H	H	H
Roof Truss						
	Clear Surface	Knot Limits	Moist. Content	Stable Shape	Dense Grain	Accurate Measurement
France	L	L	M	M	M	H
United Kingdom	L	M	M	H	M	M
Germany	M	M	M	H	M	H
Mouldings						
	Clear Surface	Knot Limits	Moist. Content	Stable Shape	Dense Grain	Accurate Measurement
France	H	H	H	H	M	M
United Kingdom	H	H	H	H	M	M
Germany	H	H	H	H	M	M

n/a = not available; H = high; M = medium; L = low

Source: Compiled by Saican Consultants Inc. from Henley International, June 1990.