

APPENDIX H

European Standards on Timber

Background

As part of the "1992 Harmonization" the EC has asked CEN to draft standards to support the Construction Products Directive. The main objective of the Construction Products Directive is to eliminate barriers to trade caused by national rules and regulations while at the same time maintaining acceptable levels of health and safety. It applies to the construction industry in the EC.

CEN is the European Standards Organization and comprises 18 countries: the 12 EC countries plus the 6 EFTA countries (Austria, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland).

With regard to harmonization in timber, five main CEN technical committees (TCs) have begun work. These are:

CEN TC 38	-	Wood Preservation
CEN TC 103	-	Timber Adhesives
CEN TC 112	-	Wood Based Panels
CEN TC 124	-	Timber Structures
CEN TC 175	-	Round and Sawn Timber

The organization, work program and details of progress of the five committees follow:

CEN TC 38 - Wood Preservation

CEN TC 38 is responsible for drafting standards on wood preservation. It has a French Convenor and Secretariat.

The TC has four main working groups (WGs); another six deal with specific test methods.

WG	Title	Convenor
1	Hazard classes	France
2	Natural durability	Germany
3	Performance of treated wood	Sweden
4	Performance of preservatives	U.K.
5	Field of testing out of ground contact	U.K.
6	Hylotrupes tests	Switzerland
7	Particleboard and plywood	Germany
8	Soft rot tests	Germany
9	Preventive efficacy	France
10	Lyctus tests	France