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## A3P helps timber producers 'meet the grade'



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A3P has initiated the development of a new national benchmarking tool that helps timber producers ensure their structural products are manufactured to the correct grade.

This recently released tool, *Generic Manufacturing Specification for Mechanically Stress Graded Products*, was developed by the Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation in conjunction with the A3P Technical Committee.

A3P Manager Mr Peter Juniper said the plantation pine processing industry is serious about providing an adequate supply of high quality and cost effective timber products for use in building.

"For the first time all Australian timber producers will have access to a national model for developing and implementing their own quality assurance programs for mechanically stress graded (MSG) timber products.

"This important tool will help timber producers continue to meet customer expectations by providing high quality and accurately graded products to the building industry.

"Timber producers using this tool will save time and money previously spent on developing their own site manufacturing specifications", he said.

The 160-page document provides a comprehensive model for the production, process control and quality control of MSG timber products. Included is a step-by-step guide to help producers to ensure their products meet industry-accepted compliance specifications.

A3P CEO Mr Neil Fisher said, "A3P is committed to helping the plantation pine processing industry implement robust quality assurance measures to ensure the continued supply of high quality and fit for purpose MSG timber products".

The report is available to download from [www.a3p.asn.au](http://www.a3p.asn.au).

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