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## New compliance guidelines to assist structural timber processors



New guidelines that will help timber processors meet their structural property compliance responsibilities will be developed by A3P and TimberEd Services.

The "Guidelines for Verification of Structural Timber" will assist large and small producers to demonstrate product compliance with respect to structural timber.

All types of hardwood and softwood solid stress graded timber products will be covered by the guidelines as well as new grading methods yet to be applied commercially in Australia.

The project is being funded by Forest and Wood Products Australia.

A3P Solid Wood Manager, Mr Peter Juniper said, "The timber industry is suffering from a lack of formal guidance on correctly demonstrating the compliance of their structural timber products.

"The new guidelines will help reduce the current confusion and potentially save companies time and money previously spent on determining how they should set about addressing their obligations under the Trade Practices Act.

"A3P will be seeking recognition of the guidelines as an Australian Standard, so it is **VERY IMPORTANT** that all structural timber producers have the opportunity to be included in the consultation process. A3P wants to ensure that producer needs are met and that the guidelines we develop are practical and relevant to their production approach.

"A3P invites industry input on the draft guidelines at a national workshop planned for **December 2007**", he said.

Following an extensive consultation phase, which will include a second industry workshop, the guidelines are due for completion in August 2008.

Further details about the December workshop are included over the page.

Download a copy of the draft guidelines at [www.a3p.asn.au](http://www.a3p.asn.au)

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## A3P industry workshop: Guidelines for Verification of Structural Timber

Date: 13 December 2007

For: structural timber producers and other interested parties

Aim: to explain and invite feedback on the draft Guidelines for Verification of Structural Timber being developed by A3P and TimberEd Services.

Register your interest in attending the workshop by contacting:

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### Further information

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