

OTHER SERVICES

In addition to lumber grading services, PLIB also manages two phytosanitary programs whereby it certifies, monitors and audits facilities whose products are destined for foreign markets. Through PLIB's HT program, the Bureau supervises Canadian and U.S. facilities with dry kilns and monitors marking and/or certification of heat treated (HT) lumber. Additionally, under its WPM program, PLIB certifies facilities engaged in manufacturing wood packaging that must comply with IPPC Guideline ISPM 15.

PLIB also offers certification programs for manufacturers making wood pellet fuel and the organization is an approved third-party quality control agency for the State of California Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) building materials program. Services required for the WUI program are included as part of PLIB's grading services. For non-grading subscribers, these services may be purchased from PLIB separately.

For more information or to subscribe to one of PLIB's quality control services, call 253-835-3344 or email info@plib.org.

In January 2019, PLIB merged with West Coast Lumber Inspection Bureau (WCLIB) and American Institute of Timber Construction (AITC) to form one of the world's largest and broadest-based wood products quality control, inspection and certification organizations.

PLIB provides inspection and certification services for lumber and timbers, structural glued laminated timber (glulam), wood packaging, and other wood products for members in the United States, Canada and Europe. PLIB is an independent, non-profit organization approved by the American Lumber Standards Committee as an accredited third-party auditing agency for a variety of programs including lumber grade rules writing, grade stamping, HT certification, CE marking and California WUI certification.



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PACIFIC LUMBER INSPECTION BUREAU

Quality Control and Grading Services



Pacific Lumber Inspection Bureau was established in 1903 for the purpose of bringing standardization to the lumber industry. That remains our primary focus today. PLIB offers lumber grade stamping, certification, quality control inspections and grader training and certification to sawmills and lumber remanufacturing facilities throughout the Pacific Northwest and Western Canada.

PLIB is accredited by both the American Lumber Standard Committee (ALSC) and the Canadian Lumber Standards Accreditation Board (CLSAB). These authorities recognize PLIB as an approved inspection agency for all recognized sets of grade rules used in the Western U.S. and Canada:

- NLGA rules
- WCLIB rules
- RIS rules
- WWPA rules

This accreditation includes all grades and species of lumber covered by these rules as well as glued and machine graded lumber (MSR and MEL) and heat treated (HT) lumber.

Besides North American domestic grade rules, PLIB has a long history of supporting overseas export lumber trade by writing export grade rules and providing supervisory services for other international grades and standards including:

- Export R-List Grading & Dressing Rules (published by PLIB)
- CE Marking (European Union)
- AQIS Certification (Australia)
- British Standard 4978 (UK)
- CFLA JPS 1 (formerly known as the Japan E 120 rule)
- HT certification (required by many foreign countries)

PLIB membership and grading services are available to all primary or secondary manufacturers of softwood lumber. Member mills must agree to and abide by the PLIB subscriber contract and licensing agreement. Costs include an initial deposit and a monthly fee based on production volume.



GRADING SERVICES

PLIB members receive grade stamp services through the Bureau's Grade Stamp License Agreement program. This program authorizes qualified mill personnel to apply the PLIB registered grade mark and issue Certificates of Inspection. The PLIB registered grade mark and inspection certificates are recognized as evidence of quality worldwide.

At the foundation of the PLIB grade service program are the PLIB Supervisors, whose decades of combined mill experience make them highly respected throughout the industry. Our inspectors possess deep knowledge about lumber manufacturing and processing, grading, scanning technology, lumber drying and quality control. Armed with this knowledge and experience, PLIB Supervisors make regular mill visits to check grading accuracy and verify lumber quality as well as to instruct, train and certify mill graders.

In addition to grading services related to ALSC and CLSAB approved rules and standards, PLIB provides quality control compliance services as they relate to any standards, rules and regulations established by manufacturers, buyers, sellers, government agencies, code authorities, or any other parties to transactions involving graded softwood lumber.

WHAT TO EXPECT

PLIB Grading Service Subscribers receive:

- Authorization for qualified personnel to grade stamp lumber and issue grade certificates.
- Regular inspections by knowledgeable, experienced PLIB Supervisors.
- Grade Quality Reports after every inspection.
Reports address items related to grade quality, size, moisture content, species and general observations. These reports provide critical data to mill quality control supervisors for use in evaluating and improving grade quality and recovery.
- Grader instruction, training and certification.
Canadian mills receive formal classes covering all aspects of the NLGA grade rule book. Graders who successfully complete the evaluation become certified and receive a PLIB grading ticket. For U.S. mills, PLIB's grader certification program involves on-site instruction of mill personnel and intensified quality checks.
- Technical support services and representation by PLIB on industry standards writing committees and regulatory agency committees.
- Timely communications on current industry issues.
- Opportunities to explore and expand international export sales through PLIB's membership in the Softwood Export Council (SEC).
- Full voting rights as a PLIB member.
- Listing in the PLIB printed and online Buyers Guides.