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To the member federations
To the members of the Board

IMPORTANT

Dear Member,

France: Decree on the use of wooden materials in certain buildings Our circular letter doc. 2710 December 2009

Further to our previous information we have the pleasure to send you, in annex, the text of the French decree on the use of wooden materials in certain buildings at it was published in the "Journal officiel de la République française" today.

Official title of the decree: **Décret no 2010-273 du 15 mars 2010 relatif à l'utilisation du bois dans certaines constructions.**

The main provisions of the decree are the following:

The quantity of wooden materials contained in a construction shall be measured by the proportion of the volume of the wood used on the structure's net floor area. Where a building is mainly used as a garage, parking space, or for agricultural purposes, the net floor area shall be replaced by the gross floor area.

1 –For buildings for which the building permit application or the preliminary declaration was deposited between 1 December 2010 and 30 November 2011, this volume may not be less than:

- a) 20 dm³ per m² of floor area for a building not containing more than two dwellings for the same builder. However, for buildings of which the roof structure (joinery) is made from a material other than wood, or that do not have a roof (joinery) structure, the provisions under C) apply,*
- b) 3 dm³ per m² of floor area for a building used as an industrial, storage or transport services building,*
- c) 7 dm³ per m² of floor area for all other buildings.*

II - For buildings for which the building permit application or the preliminary declaration was deposited after 1 December 2011:

- this volume may not be less than:

- a) 35 dm³ per m² of floor area for a building not containing more than two dwellings for the same builder. However, for buildings of which the roof structure (joinery) is made from a material other than wood, or that do not have a roof (joinery) structure, the provisions under C) apply,*
- b) 5 dm³ per m² of floor area for a building used as an industrial, storage or transport services building,*
- c) 10 dm³ per m² of floor area for all other buildings.*

The calculation of the wood volume incorporated in the building shall be performed under the conditions as defined by the Minister in charge of construction, either by a flat rate method using ratios per types of construction or product incorporated in a building, or based on the actual volumetric characteristics of the products containing wood.

Compared to the original proposal the decree no longer contains requirements as to the sustainable origin of the wood or wood products.

Hoping to have been of help with this information, we remain,

Yours sincerely
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