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Complementary information about the Swedish ISPM 15 marking

The Swedish Regulations (SJVFS 2004:53) on heat treatment, kiln drying and marking of sawn wood, wood packaging material etc., Annex 2 shows the Swedish ISPM 15 markings as well as the marking of heat treated and kiln dried wood.

Annex 2 also points out in writing the possibility to use a lengthwise marking in special situations.

Quote

‘The marking may differ from B1 and B2 according to the application of the different elements of the marking when the sizes of the wood pieces intended for marking are so small that the requirement for clear and legible marking will not be met. In such cases the letter-digit-codes may be placed in one line, the ISPM 15 logo may be tilted and the frame may be left out.’

There is a need to use a lengthwise-marking but today we recommend companies not to use it because of uncertainty of different interpretation of the appearance of the mark in different countries. This marking is not shown in the regulation but in the explanatory document, bilaga 1 (annex 1).

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In addition a few companies are using an ISPM 15-marking without a frame.

