NEW LABELING ADOPTED FOR PRESERVATIVE-TREATED SAWN WOOD

The treated wood industry has adopted stock labeling for ease in identifying preservative-treated sawn wood lumber products that are in compliance with the International Building Code® (IBC) and International Residential Code® (IRC). The end tags will have easily identifiable markings for both American Wood Protection Association (AWPA) Standard U1 and ICC Evaluation Service, LLC (ICC-ES) preservative-treated wood products.
The AWPA Standard U1 product will include the check mark symbol and the mark of the American Lumber Standard Committee (ALSC) accredited inspection agency. The ICC-ES code complying product will include the ICC-ES Trade Mark and the mark of the IAS accredited inspection agency. Examples of both identifying markings are shown in Figures 1 and 2 below, reproduced from ICC-ES AC326, approved February 2013 and AWPA U1-13 Commodity Specification A: Sawn Products. These visual identifiers will be displayed on the front of the end tags that are attached to the preservative treated wood products and will be a minimum of 0.20 inches tall. Additional information is included on the end tags in accordance with sections 2303.1.8.1 of the 2012 IBC and R317.2.1 of the 2012 IRC. This additional information includes identification of the treating manufacturer, type of preservative, minimum preservative retention (pcf) (optional for ESR-labeled products), end use for which product is treated and/or AWPA Use Category designation. An AWPA Standard product will also include reference to AWPA U1 as the standard to which the product was treated. The ICC-ES product will include the applicable ESR number for field identification.

When conducting inspections where preservative-treated sawn wood lumber is required by the code, the Code Official can easily check the end tags for either of the two labels and will have the assurance that they are using a code complying product. End tags that do not have one of the two labels are not permitted for use in construction under the IBC or IRC.

The industry has started adopting the new end tag identifiers. Older end tags may still be in use pending full adoption of the new end tags. In these cases, the Code Official will need to look for the AWPA Standard U1 designation or an ESR number for determining compliance with the code.

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**FIGURE 1—ICC-ES MARK FORMAT**

1Accredited Inspection Agency Logo

**FIGURE 2—AWPA CHECKMARK® LOGO FORMAT**

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2The Checkmark logo is a registered trademark of the Western Wood Preservers Institute (WWPI) and is permitted to be used only on products treated in accordance with the American Wood Protection Association (AWPA) standards under agreement with ALSC accredited inspection agencies.