

# **DELAWARE MATERIAL SPECIFICATION**

## **STRUCTURAL TIMBER AND LUMBER MS 218**

### 1. **SCOPE**

This specification covers the quality of structural timber, lumber and plywood.

### 2. **QUALITY**

Wood materials shall be sound and free from decay. No boxed heart pieces of Douglas Fir or Redwood shall be used in stringers, floor beams, caps, posts, sills or other principal structural members. Boxed heart pieces are defined as timber so sawed that at any section in the length of a sawed piece the pith lies entirely inside the four faces.

### 3. **GRADING**

Structural timber and lumber shall be graded in accordance with the grading rules, applicable to the specified species, adopted by a lumber grading or inspection bureau or agency recognized as being competent and that conforms to the basic principles of ASTM Methods D-245. The material supplied according to the commercial grading rules shall be of equal or greater stress value than the specified stress-grade. Plywood shall conform to the requirements of Product Standard PSI-74 for the grade, species or group, and type specified.

### 4. **HEARTWOOD REQUIREMENTS**

All timber and lumber specified for use without preservative treatment shall contain not less than 75 percent heartwood on any diameter or on any side or edge, measured at the point where the greatest amount of sapwood occurs. This requirement shall not apply to timber and lumber for which pressure treatment with wood preservative is specified.

### 5. **SIZES**

The sizes specified are nominal sizes. Unless otherwise specified the material shall be furnished in American Standard dressed sizes.

6. **MARKING**

Each piece of timber and lumber shall be legibly stamped or branded with an official grade mark. Plywood shall be legibly stamped with an official mark designating the grade, type and surface finish as described in the cited Product Standard.