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NHHLA Now Accepting Rules Change Proposals

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE – Every four years the National Hardwood Lumber Association evaluates the hardwood lumber grading rules and accepts rules change proposals. NHHLA will accept new official rules change proposals until March 31.

After official rules change proposals have been submitted to NHHLA, the Rules Committee will convene a special meeting to consider the merits of each proposal. All members will be notified of the time and date of this meeting and are welcome to attend to voice their opinions regarding these proposals. At this special meeting, the Rules Committee will decide which proposals will be placed on the ballot for a vote by the NHHLA Active membership later in the year. All members will be notified in writing after this special meeting which rules change proposals will be placed on the ballot.

A rules change will be adopted by the Association upon such change receiving a favorable vote on a two-thirds majority of the votes properly cast by the NHHLA Active membership. New rules will become official January 1, 2011.

“This rules change process is an integral part of being an NHHLA member,” explained Mark Horne, NHHLA Chief Inspector. “With international markets growing, the need to simplify hardwood lumber ‘language’ is as important as ever before. We are encouraging NHHLA members to take the time to talk with key employees to determine which rules need improvement, and to submit proposals by the March 31 deadline.”

The Rules change procedure is a truly participatory process, not a regulatory burden imposed by a government entity. As the voice of the industry, NHHLA strives to provide its members with the tools they need to succeed within a global economy. One very important tool which gives North American hardwoods an advantage, are the NHHLA grading rules. If a member feels the rules and their applications need improvement, then initiative must be taken to share his/her voice and offer relevant proposals. “We want to hear from you,” concluded Horne.

Proposals should be emailed to: rules@nhla.com
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The world’s largest and oldest hardwood industry association, NHHLA represents 1400 companies and individuals that produce, use and sell North American hardwood lumber, or provide equipment, supplies or services to the hardwood industry. It was founded in 1898 to establish a uniform system of grading rules for the measurement and inspection of hardwood lumber. Since 1980, its headquarters have been in Memphis, Tenn. To learn more about NHHLA, please visit www.nhla.com.

