

PROPOSED NHLA RULES CHANGES FOR 2019

A Rules Open Forum will be held on Thursday, October 26 at 2:45pm during the 2017 NHLA Annual Convention & Exhibit Showcase in Nashville, Tenn. The forum gives all NHLA members the ability to discuss and ask questions of these proposed changes in detail prior to vote. The Chief Inspector and Rules Committee Chairman will be available during this open meeting to answer any questions you may have.

The list of rule proposals that will be voted on are as follows:
(Numbered as proposed to the Rules Committee)

#5 (Standard Inspection by Species)

Aromatic Red Cedar - Page 34

Remove: "Variation in thickness may be 1/2" on 4/4" to 8/4"."

Replace With: "Standard Miscut Lumber Rule to apply."

#6 (Standard Inspection by Species)

Basswood – page 24

Remove: "Note: Dormant twig buds to be considered as burls."

#8 (Standard Grades)

No. 2A Common & No. 2B Common – page 17

Remove: "No. 2A Common & No. 2B Common"

Replace with: "2 Common"

Remove: "Note: The grade of No. 2 Common is divided into two categories: No. 2A Common (clear face cuttings) and No. 2B Common (sound cuttings)."

Remove: "Note: No. 2B common – All the requirements of the grade No. 2A Common apply except that cuttings will be sound as defined in sound cutting."

Note: This will remove 2B Common from all species listed in the Rules Book currently.

NEW PLEASE NOTE:

*The following are new additions to the ballot.

(Standard Inspection by Species)

Walnut & Butternut - page 28

FAS: Standard except Minimum cuttings: 4" wide by 3' long, or 3" wide by 6' long

Widths: 5" and wider

Lengths: 6' and longer

Pieces 6' and longer, 5" and wider, 3' to 7' surface measure shall yield 10/12- (83-1/3%)-clear face in two cuttings; 8' and over surface measure in three cuttings, except that pieces of 12' and over surface measure which will yield 11/12 -(91-2/3%) - clear face with one additional cutting are admitted.

FIF: Pieces 6' and longer shall grade FAS on the better face. The reverse side of the cuttings shall be sound as defined in Sound Cutting or the reverse side of the board grading not below No. 1 Common.

Note: This Rule's change will remove the defect grading method from the walnut and butternut. The sapwood limitations will not be removed from the rule, it was not included in this Rules change for clarity.

*The addition to the ballot is in compliance with the NHLA Bylaws, Article XIII- Inspection Rules, Section 8 and will be added to the ballot and discussed at the open forum at the NHLA Convention:

Following the NHLA Annual Convention, Active members will receive a ballot and may vote for or against the proposed rules change. Completed ballots must be received within 30 days. Rules change proposals that receive a favorable vote with a two-thirds majority of the properly cast votes will be adopted and become effective January 1, 2019.

If you have any questions about the proposed rules changes or the process please contact Dana Spessert, Chief Inspector at 901-399-7551 or by email at d.spessert@nhla.com.