

NHLA Industry Challenges & Opportunities

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Challenges

- Labor Shortage
 - July 21 unemployment rate: 5.4%
 - 10.1 million open jobs at end of June 21
 - 0.9 unemployed workers per job opening
 - U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Higher Freight Pricing
 - Lack of truck drivers
 - Containers being shipped back empty

Opportunities

- Domestic Market Strong
 - Furniture manufacturers reporting back-log
 - Lumber shortages
 - Employee shortages
- NHLA Education
 - In-house education for untrained/new employees
 - Webinars
 - Regional classes
 - Shortened ITS Class

Education

- NHLA Inspector Training School
 - 8-week Full Course
 - Online Classes
 - 3 Modules
 - Webinars



RULES

FOR THE MEASUREMENT
& INSPECTION OF
HARDWOOD & CYPRESS

Plus NHLA Sales Code &
Inspection Regulations

Effective January 1, 2019

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Rules Proposals

- On Page 24, Basswood:
 - Remove “Note: Dormant twig buds to be considered as burls.”
- On Page 66, Select Car Stock:
 - Change split limitation from - “SPLITS: Shall not exceed 6" in length in any one end or the aggregate equivalent in one or both ends of the piece.” To – “SPLITS: Shall not exceed 12" in length in either end of the piece of Standard or specified length.”

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- On Page 67, Common Dimension:
 - Change Split limitation from – “SPLITS: Shall not exceed 12" in length in any one end or the aggregate equivalent in one or both ends of the piece.” To – “Splits shall not exceed in the aggregate in inches in length twice the surface measure of the piece of Standard or specified length, except when one foot or shorter”
- On Page 14, FAS, paragraph 53., Change minimum width to 5”

Rules Proposals

Cypress Rules

- On Page 48, paragraph 90, Selects & Btr. –
 - Add “Pith is limited to aggregate in inches, boxed or showing, to the nominal width of the piece.”
 - Change **from** “A. Pieces 4" and 5" wide must be clear allowing slight wane on one edge. (Par. 80)” **To** – “A. Pieces 4" and 5" wide must be clear allowing slight wane on one edge (Par. 84), except that pieces 12' in length and over allow 1 medium knot (Par. 39).”
 - Under section B: Change **from** “ 6" wide – 1 medium knot 7" – 9" wide – 2 medium knots” **To** “Pieces 6" to 9" wide will admit 1 medium knot (Par. 39) in pieces 10' and shorter, pieces 12' and longer will admit 2 medium knots (Par. 39).”

Rules Proposals

Cypress Rules

- On Page 43, paragraph 15, Warp & Cup –
 - Add “Side-bend shall not exceed to the extent that the piece will not produce the standard finished width in its full length, in all grades.”
- On Page 50, paragraphs 98 & 99, No. 1 & No. 2 Peck –
 - Combine paragraph 98 & 99 to create “Peck” as follows –
 - “Each piece must contain peck, with a minimum area of 10% of the Surface Measure, well distributed on one side. Each piece must be suitable for ordinary handling and construction without breakage.”

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Annual Convention & Exhibit Showcase

SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2021 | WEST PALM BEACH, FL

"YES! I want in!"

A high-angle, wide shot of a large, diverse crowd of people gathered for an outdoor event. The attendees are dressed in business casual attire, many wearing lanyards with identification badges. They are engaged in conversations, some holding drinks. The setting is an outdoor courtyard or garden area with trees, shrubs, and string lights hanging from the trees, creating a warm and social atmosphere.

Questions?





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