TIMBER MARKETING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986

NEW SOUTH WALES



EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)

The objects of this Bill are to amend the Timber Marketing Act 1977 so as—

- (a) to allow the requirement that timber be branded as treated by means of an approved preservative treatment to be relaxed in respect of prescribed classes or descriptions of timber (e.g., small dimension timber);
- (b) to require certain prescribed classes or descriptions of timber (being timber which is normally expected to be seasoned, e.g., flooring timber) to be seasoned or, if not seasoned, to be described as unseasoned;
- (c) to ensure that timber which is branded with a reference to an Australian Standard complies with that standard;
- (d) to allow authorised persons to issue notices of seizure in respect of timber suspected of being in contravention of the Principal Act;
- (e) to increase the maximum penalty for a breach of the Principal Act from \$500 to \$2,000;
- (f) to prevent the describing of manufactured articles containing timber as being preservative treated where the timber in the articles has not been preservative treated; and
- (g) to facilitate proceedings in relation to breaches of the Principal Act by providing that timber at the premises of a person who carries on the business of selling timber shall be presumed to be for sale unless it is specified as not for sale,

and to make other amendments to the Principal Act of a minor, consequential or ancillary nature.

Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides that the provisions of the proposed Act will, with minor exceptions, commence on a day or days to be appointed by the Governor-in-Council.

Clause 3 defines the Principal Act.

Clause 4 is a formal provision that gives effect to the Schedules of amendments to the Principal Act.

Schedule 1 (1) substitutes the definition of "lyctid susceptible sapwood" (lyctids are borers). The object of this amendment is to limit the application of the relevant provisions of the Principal Act to the sapwood of hardwoods which—

- (a) has been, or is being, attacked by lyctids; or
- (b) when tested for the presence of starch in accordance with a prescribed test, shows a prescribed result,

(excluding sapwood which has been treated by an approved preservative treatment or the sapwood of any species of tree which may be prescribed by regulation).

Schedule 1 (2) omits a reference to the fire resistance of timber, which is dealt with under local government building ordinances.

Schedule 1 (3) amends the definition of "registered brand" so as to avoid the repetition of certain words in the provisions of the Principal Act.

Schedule 1 (4) provides that "timber" does not include "articles" (i.e., articles manufactured of timber) so as to prevent any overlapping of provisions.

Schedule 1 (5) omits the definition of "untreated". This term is no longer required to be used following the exclusion of treated timber from the definition of "lyctid susceptible sapwood".

Schedule 2 (1) and (2) are consequential amendments made necessary by the alterations to the definition of "lyctid susceptible sapwood" (see paragraphs relating to Schedule 1 (1) and (5)).

Schedule 2 (3) extends the provisions of section 6 of the Principal Act so as to prevent the sale of framing timber of which more than 50 per cent of any face or edge at any cross section comprises lyctid susceptible sapwood, unless a prescribed warning is given. If any such timber is sold by way of resale, a reseller who could not reasonably be expected to have known of the breach has a defence to any prosecution.

Schedule 2 (4) omits section 7 (sale of certain mixed timbers prohibited) of the Principal Act. The provision has been found, in practice, to be unnecessary.

Schedule 2 (5) (a) amends section 8 (sale of timber free from lyctid susceptible sapwood) of the Principal Act so as to ensure that, where a brand is registered in respect of an approved preservative treatment, it must be used in accordance with any conditions of the approval of the preservative treatment.

Schedule 2 (5) (b) exempts from the branding requirements in section 8 timber of classes or descriptions prescribed by regulation. The intention is that timber of small dimensions, e.g., fence palings, veneers, timber less than 15 mm in thickness, etc., be prescribed. However, where timber is sold in a quantity of 2 or more pieces and the sale is the first sale of the timber in N.S.W., the accompanying invoice or docket of sale and the wrapping must bear a facsimile of the relevant brand.

Schedule 2 (6) and (7) (a) are consequential amendments (see paragraph relating to Schedule 1 (5)).

Schedule 2 (7) (b) and (c) prevent the sale of a building comprised of timber of which more than 50 per cent of any face or edge at any cross section comprises untreated lyctid susceptible sapwood.

Schedule 3 (1) changes a requirement as to the moisture content of timber. At present, where no moisture content is shown on an invoice or docket in respect of timber and no standard specifying the moisture content of the timber is prescribed, section 12 of the Principal Act provides that timber cannot be sold as seasoned timber if the moisture content exceeds 15 per cent by mass. Under the amended provision any such timber will not be able to be sold as seasoned timber if the moisture content is less than 10 per cent or more than 15 per cent by mass.

Schedule 3 (2) inserts into the Principal Act a new section 12A (certain timber to be dried or seasoned, or described as unseasoned). The object of the proposed provision is to require certain classes or descriptions of timber prescribed by regulation to be seasoned or, if not seasoned, to be described as unseasoned. The timber it is intended to prescribe is timber that would normally be expected to be seasoned, e.g., flooring timber, moulding timber, joinery timber, etc. The seasoning requirements are similar to those in section 12, as proposed to be amended.

Schedule 3 (3) substitutes section 13 (manufacture of furniture and other articles) of the Principal Act and inserts into the Act a new section 13A (sale of furniture and other articles). Existing section 13 bars the use of timber in the manufacture of furniture or other articles if the moisture content of the timber does not comply with a prescribed standard. The section has been revised so as to cover the situation where there is no prescribed standard in respect of the timber. Proposed section 13A is an additional provision to regulate the moisture content at the time of sale of the furniture or other articles. In both cases, requirements as to moisture content similar to those in sections 12 and 12A are to apply.

Schedule 4 (1) substitutes section 16 (sale of preservative treated timber) of the Principal Act. The section has been altered so as to make it an offence to sell untreated timber which has been presented in such a manner as to convey the impression that it has been preservative treated. Under the present section an offence arises only if the timber is "described" in such a manner.

The section has also been altered so as to ensure that a person cannot sell timber described as preservative treated unless it is preservative treated as at the time of sale.

Amendments to the section similar to amendments to section 8 (see paragraphs relating to Schedule 2 (5) (a) and (b) above) have also been made.

Schedule 4 (2) inserts into the Principal Act a new section 16A (sale of preservative treated articles) which prevents the describing of manufactured articles containing timber as preservative treated unless every timber component part of the articles is preservative treated.

Schedule 4 (3) substitutes section 17 (dealing in timber preservative treated for reward) of the Principal Act. The section has been altered so as to ensure that a person cannot allow timber described as preservative treated to leave a preservative treatment plant unless it is preservative treated as at the time it leaves the plant.

Amendments to the section similar to amendments to section 8 (see paragraphs relating to Schedule 2 (5) (a) and (b) above) have also been made.

Schedule 4 (4) (a) and (b) require the Forestry Commission to take into consideration, in addition to other matters, the design and performance of a preservative treatment plant, and its capability to treat timber, when deciding an application for approval of a preservative treatment.

Schedule 4 (4) (c) removes a requirement for the Commission to take into consideration the form and design of a brand when deciding an application for approval of a preservative treatment. These brands are now standardised.

Schedule 4 (5) (a) and (b) are consequential amendments.

Schedule 5 inserts into the Principal Act a new Part IVA—proposed sections 26A-26C (compliance with Australian Standards) so as to require that timber which is branded in such a way as to imply that it complies with a particular Australian Standard or part thereof does in fact comply with that standard or part.

Schedule 6 (1) is a consequential amendment on the insertion of new section 27A into the Principal Act (see paragraph relating to Schedule 6 (2) below).

Schedule 6 (2) inserts into the Principal Act a new section 27A (notice of seizure) so as to allow an authorised person who suspects on reasonable grounds that there has been a contravention of the Principal Act or the regulations to issue a notice of seizure in respect of the relevant timber or article, the object being to prevent the sale of the timber or article. If a prosecution is not instituted within 30 days of seizure, the seizure ceases to have effect. If a prosecution is instituted, the seizure ceases at the end of the court hearing. The Commission is given power to terminate a seizure at an earlier time and to authorise a person to remove, etc., the timber notwithstanding that the notice of seizure has been issued. A person who removes timber in respect of which a notice of seizure has ceased to have effect is, if the person is found guilty of an offence in relation to the timber or article, required to inform the Commission of the destination of the timber. The Crown, etc., is to be protected from any liability which may arise from the issue in good faith of a notice of seizure.

Schedule 6 (3) increases the maximum monetary penalty for a breach of the Principal Act from \$500 to \$2,000 and increases the alternative term of imprisonment from 3 months to 12 months.

Schedule 6 (4) (a) removes from section 31 (certificate evidence of certain matters) of the Principal Act a requirement to prescribe the Forestry Commission in connection with specifying the persons who may issue certificates evidencing certain matters.

Schedule 6 (4) (b) amends section 31 so as to update references to officers who may issue certificates.

Schedule 6 (4) (c) is a consequential amendment to section 31 (see paragraph relating to Schedule 1 (5)).

Schedule 6 (4) (d) and (e) are amendments to section 31 consequent on the insertion of new offences into the Act.

Schedule 6 (4) (f) provides that, in any legal proceedings, evidence that a sample of timber from a quantity of timber or a building does not comply with a particular provision of the Act or regulations is, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, evidence that that quantity of timber or the timber in that building does not comply with that provision.

Schedule 6 (5) inserts into the Principal Act a new section 32A (presumption that certain timber or articles are for sale) which provides that, in certain proceedings for offences under the Act relating to the selling of timber or an article, it shall be presumed that any timber or an article found at a place of business is offered or exposed for sale, unless it is indicated by a notice that the timber or article is not for sale or there is other proof to the contrary.

Schedule 6 (6) substitutes formal provisions in relation to the making of regulations so as to accord with the provisions now currently used in legislation.



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TIMBER MARKETING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986

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No. , 1986

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the Timber Marketing Act 1977 to make further provision with respect to the control of the sale and use of timber.

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

5 Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the "Timber Marketing (Amendment) Act 1986".

Commencement

- 2. (1) Except as provided by this section, this Act shall commence on 10 the date of assent to this Act.
 - (2) Section 4, in its application to a provision of Schedules 1-6, shall commence on the day on which the provision commences.
- (3) The several provisions of Schedules 1–6 shall commence on such day or days as may be appointed by the Governor and notified by proclamation published in the Gazette.

Principal Act

3. The Timber Marketing Act 1977 is referred to in this Act as the Principal Act.

Amendment of Act No. 72, 1977

20 **4.** The Principal Act is amended in the manner set forth in Schedules 1-6.

SCHEDULE 1

(Sec. 4)

AMENDMENTS TO PART I OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT

Section 4 (Interpretation)—

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5 (1) Section 4 (1), definition of "lyctid susceptible sapwood"—

Omit the definition, insert instead:

"lyctid susceptible sapwood" means sapwood of a hardwood species of tree, being sapwood—

- (a) that has been, or is being, attacked by lyctids; or
- (b) that, when tested for the presence of starch in accordance with a prescribed test, shows a result prescribed in relation to that test,

but does not include—

- (c) sapwood that has been treated by an approved preservative treatment for the prevention of attack by lyctids; or
- (d) the sapwood of a prescribed species of tree;
- (2) Section 4 (1), definition of "preservative treated"—

Omit "or increasing the resistance of that timber to fire".

20 (3) Section 4 (1), definition of "registered brand"—

Omit the definition, insert instead:

"registered brand", in relation to the treatment of timber by means of an approved preservative treatment, means the brand for the time being registered by the Commission under section 20 in respect of that approved preservative treatment;

(4) Section 4 (1), definition of "timber"—

Omit "similar materials;", insert instead:

similar materials.

but does not include an article.

AMENDMENTS TO PART I OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued

(5) Section 4 (1), definition of "untreated"—
Omit the definition.

SCHEDULE 2

(Sec. 4)

AMENDMENTS TO PART II OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT

(1) Section 4A—

Before section 5. insert:

Application of Part

4A. This Part applies only to timber that is the wood of a hardwood species of tree (not being a prescribed species).

(2) Section 5 (Sale of certain timber prohibited)—

Omit "untreated" wherever occurring.

(3) Section 6—

Omit the section, insert instead:

Sale of certain framing timber

- 6. (1) A person shall not sell any framing timber—
- (a) of which more than 25 per cent of the perimeter of any cross section comprises lyctid susceptible sapwood; or
- (b) of which more than 50 per cent of any face or edge at any cross section comprises lyctid susceptible sapwood.
- (2) It is a defence to a prosecution brought against a person in respect of an offence under this section if the person proves that the purchaser was given the prescribed warning in the prescribed manner.

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AMENDMENTS TO PART II OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued

- (3) It is a defence to a prosecution brought in respect of an offence under this section against a person who has sold any framing timber by way of resale if the person proves that—
 - (a) if the offence is an offence under subsection (1) (a)—the person did not know and could not reasonably be expected to have known that more than 25 per cent of the perimeter of a cross section of that timber comprised lyctid susceptible sapwood; or
 - (b) if the offence is an offence under subsection (1) (b)—the person did not know and could not reasonably be expected to have known that more than 50 per cent of any face or edge at a cross section of that timber comprised lyctid susceptible sapwood.
- (4) Section 7 (Sale of certain mixed timbers prohibited)—
- Omit the section.

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- (5) Section 8 (Sale of timber free from lyctid susceptible sapwood)—
 - (a) Section 8—

Omit "brand registered by the Commission in respect of that approved preservative treatment", insert instead "registered brand in accordance with the conditions of the approval".

(b) Section 8 (2)—

At the end of section 8, insert:

- (2) A person need not comply with the requirement that timber be branded if the timber is of a prescribed class or description but (if the quantity of any such timber sold is 2 or more pieces and the sale is the first sale of the timber in New South Wales) the person shall ensure that—
 - (a) the invoice or docket of sale; and
 - (b) if the timber is sold in a pre-wrapped form, the wrapping,
- 30 bear a facsimile of the registered brand.

AMENDMENTS TO PART II OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued

- (6) Section 9 (Sale of articles), section 10 (Erection of buildings)—
 Omit "untreated" wherever occurring.
- (7) Section 11 (Sale of buildings)—
 - (a) Section 11—

Omit "untreated" wherever occurring.

(b) Section 11 (1) (b) (ii)—
Omit "or".

(c) Section 11 (1) (c), (d)—

At the end of section 11 (1) (c), insert:

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(d) timber (not being milled timber, laminated wood, veneer or plywood) of which more than 50 per cent of any face or edge at any cross section comprises lyctid susceptible sapwood.

(Sec. 4)

SCHEDULE 3

AMENDMENTS TO PART III OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT

(1) Section 12 (Describing timber as dried or seasoned)—

(a) Section 12 (d) (ii)—

(b) Section 12 (d) (ii)—

- Omit "maximum".
- Omit "does not, as at the date of sale, exceed 15 per centum by mass", insert instead "is not, as at the date of sale, less than 10 per cent or more than 15 per cent by mass".

AMENDMENTS TO PART III OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued

(2) Section 12A—

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After section 12, insert:

Certain timber to be dried or seasoned, or described as unseasoned

- 12A. A person shall not sell any timber of a prescribed class or description unless—
 - (a) if the moisture content of that timber is clearly shown on the invoice or docket of sale—the moisture content of that timber, when determined in the prescribed manner, complies, as at the date of sale, with the moisture content so shown;
 - (b) if no moisture content as referred to in paragraph (a) is so shown—
 - (i) if a standard has been prescribed that specifies the moisture content for that timber or for a class or description of timber to which that timber belongs and the manner of determining that moisture content—the moisture content of that timber, when determined in that manner, complies, as at the date of sale, with that standard; or
 - (ii) if no such standard has been prescribed—the moisture content of any piece of that timber, when determined in the prescribed manner, is not, as at the date of sale, less than 10 per cent or more than 15 per cent by mass; or
 - (c) the timber is described as unseasoned.

AMENDMENTS TO PART III OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued

(3) Sections 13, 13A—

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Omit section 13, insert instead:

Manufacture of furniture and other articles

- 13. (1) A person shall not use in the manufacture of furniture, a prescribed article or an article of a prescribed class or description any timber which—
 - (a) if a standard has been prescribed that specifies—
 - (i) the moisture content for that timber or for a class or description of timber to which that timber belongs; and
 - (ii) the manner of determining that moisture content,

has a moisture content which does not comply, as at the date of sale, with that standard when determined in that manner; or

- (b) if no such standard has been prescribed—has a moisture content which, when determined in the prescribed manner, is, as at the date of sale, less than 10 per cent or more than 15 per cent by mass.
- (2) It is a defence to a prosecution brought in respect of an offence under this section if the defendant proves that—
 - (a) the use of the timber was agreed to in writing by the person for whom the furniture, the prescribed article or the article of the prescribed class or description was or was being manufactured; or

AMENDMENTS TO PART III OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued

(b) the furniture, the prescribed article or the article of the prescribed class or description is for the defendant's use.

Sale of furniture and other articles

- 13A. (1) A person shall not sell any furniture, prescribed article or article of a prescribed class or description which contains any timber which—
 - (a) if the moisture content of that timber is clearly shown on the invoice or docket of sale for the furniture or article has a moisture content which does not comply, as at the date of sale, with the moisture content so shown when determined in the prescribed manner; or
 - (b) if no moisture content as referred to in paragraph (a) is so shown—
 - (i) if a standard has been prescribed that specifies the moisture content for that timber or for a class or description of timber to which that timber belongs and the manner of determining that moisture content—has a moisture content which does not comply, as at the date of sale, with that standard when determined in that manner; or
 - (ii) if no such standard has been prescribed—has a moisture content which, when determined in the prescribed manner, is, as at the date of sale, less than 10 per cent or more than 15 per cent by mass.
- (2) It is a defence to a prosecution brought in respect of an offence under subsection (1) (b) (i) or (ii) if the defendant proves that the defendant did not know and could not reasonably be expected to have known that the moisture content of the timber contravened the requirements of that subparagraph.

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SCHEDULE 4

(Sec. 4)

AMENDMENTS TO PART IV OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT

(1) Section 16—

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Omit the section, insert instead:

Sale of preservative treated timber

- 16. (1) A person shall not sell any timber—
- (a) described by the person or the person's servants or agents as being preservative treated; or
- (b) described or presented by the person or the person's servants or agents in such manner as to convey or be likely to convey to any person the impression that that timber is preservative treated,

unless that timber is treated by means of an approved preservative treatment and is branded with the registered brand in accordance with the conditions of the approval.

- (2) A person need not comply with the requirement that timber be branded if the timber is of a prescribed class or description but (if the quantity of any such timber sold is 2 or more pieces and the sale is the first sale of the timber in New South Wales) the person shall ensure that—
 - (a) the invoice or docket of sale; and
- (b) if the timber is sold in a pre-wrapped form, the wrapping, bear a facsimile of the registered brand.
- 25 (2) Section 16A—

After section 16, insert:

Sale of preservative treated articles

- 16A. A person shall not sell any article—
- (a) described by the person or the person's servants or agents as being preservative treated; or

AMENDMENTS TO PART IV OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued

- (b) described or presented by the person or the person's servants or agents in such manner as to convey or be likely to convey to any person the impression that that article is preservative treated,
- 5 unless every timber component part of the article is treated by means of an approved preservative treatment.
 - (3) Section 17—

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Omit the section, insert instead:

Dealing in timber preservative treated for reward

- 10 17. (1) A person who owns or controls a preservative treatment plant at which timber is preservative treated for reward shall not allow any timber—
 - (a) described as being preservative treated; or
 - (b) described in such manner as to convey or be likely to convey to any person the impression that that timber is preservative treated,

to leave that preservative treatment plant unless that timber is treated by means of an approved preservative treatment and is branded with the registered brand in accordance with the conditions of the approval.

- (2) A person need not comply with the requirement that timber be branded if the timber is of a prescribed class or description but (if the quantity of any such timber sold is 2 or more pieces and the sale is the first sale of the timber in New South Wales) the person shall ensure that—
 - (a) the invoice or docket of sale; and
- (b) if the timber is sold in a pre-wrapped form, the wrapping, bear a facsimile of the registered brand.
- (4) Section 19 (Consideration of applications by the Commission)—
- 30 (a) Section 19 (a) (v)—

Omit "and" where lastly occurring.

AMENDMENTS TO PART IV OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued

(b) Section 19 (a) (vii)—

After section 19 (a) (vi), insert:

- (vii) the design and performance of the preservative treatment plant and its capability to treat timber.
- 5 (c) Section 19 (b)—

Omit the paragraph.

- (5) Section 20 (Determination of application)—
 - (a) Section 20 (1) (b)—

Omit "the brand", insert instead "a brand".

10 (b) Section 20 (2)—

Omit "the brand referred to in that application", insert instead "a brand".

SCHEDULE 5

(Sec. 4)

15 INSERTION OF PART IVA INTO THE PRINCIPAL ACT
Part IVA—

After Part IV, insert:

PART IVA

COMPLIANCE WITH AUSTRALIAN STANDARDS

20 Interpretation

26A. In this Part—

"Australian Standard" means a standard of the Standards Association of Australia.

INSERTION OF PART IVA INTO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued

Sale of timber branded or marked as complying with an Australian Standard

- 26B. (1) A person shall not sell any timber that is branded or marked with—
 - (a) the words "Australian Standard";
 - (b) the letters "AS"; or

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- (c) any other words or letters that are an abbreviation of the words "Australian Standard",
- followed by a number which corresponds to that used to identify a particular Australian Standard (being a standard which is not divided into parts), unless that timber complies with that standard.
 - (2) A person shall not sell any timber that is branded or marked with—
 - (a) the words "Australian Standard";
 - (b) the letters "AS"; or
 - (c) any other words or letters that are an abbreviation of the words "Australian Standard",
- followed by a number which corresponds to that used to identify a particular Australian Standard (being a standard which is divided into parts), unless that number is followed by a number which corresponds to a part of that standard.
 - (3) A person shall not sell any timber that is branded or marked with—
- 25 (a) the words "Australian Standard";
 - (b) the letters "AS"; or

SCHEDULE 5—continued INSERTION OF PART IVA INTO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued

(c) any other words or letters that are an abbreviation of the words "Australian Standard",

followed by a number which corresponds to that used to identify a particular Australian Standard and a number which corresponds to a part of that standard, unless that timber complies with that part of that standard.

Sale of timber branded or marked as complying with a stress grading

26C. A person shall not sell any timber which is branded or marked with the letter "F" followed by a number which corresponds to a stress grading under an Australian Standard, unless that timber complies with the criteria set out in that standard for that grading.

SCHEDULE 6

15 (Sec. 4)

AMENDMENTS TO PART V OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT

(1) Section 27 (Entry, inspection, testing and seizure)—

Section 27 (5)—

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Omit "by the removal of that timber.", insert instead:

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and, if a notice of seizure has been issued in respect of the timber, terminate the notice.

AMENDMENTS TO PART V OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued

(2) Section 27A—

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After section 27, insert:

Notice of seizure

- 27A. (1) A person authorised under section 27 (1) may issue a notice of seizure in respect of any timber or article if the person suspects on reasonable grounds that there has been a contravention of this Act or the regulations in respect of the timber or article.
 - (2) A notice of seizure takes effect—
 - (a) on service of the notice on a person who appears to have possession, care or control of the timber or article;
 - (b) on the affixing of the notice or a copy to the timber or article; or
 - (c) on the placing of a distinctive mark on the timber or article indicating that the notice has been issued in respect of it.
 - (3) A notice of seizure ceases to have effect—
 - (a) if proceedings for an offence in respect of the timber or article are not commenced within a period of 30 days after the notice takes effect—at the end of that period; or
 - (b) if proceedings for an offence in respect of the timber or article are commenced within a period of 30 days after the notice takes effect—at the end of the proceedings,
 - or, in either case, at such earlier time as the Commission determines.
 - (4) A person shall not, without the permission of the Commission, remove or interfere with timber or an article in respect of which a notice of seizure has effect.

AMENDMENTS TO PART V OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued

- (5) Subject to subsection (4), a notice of seizure does not have any effect in respect of the property in, or the responsibility for the care or control of, the timber or article in respect of which it is issued.
- (6) If a notice of seizure is issued in respect of any timber or article and a person is subsequently found guilty of an offence under this Act in respect of the timber or article, a person who, within 6 months after the notice ceases to have effect, removes the timber or article from the place at which it was when the notice was issued shall inform the Commission forthwith of the destination of the timber or article.
- (7) It is a defence to a prosecution under subsection (6) if the defendant proves that the defendant did not know and could not reasonably be expected to have known that a notice of seizure had been in force in respect of the timber or article.
- (8) No matter or thing done by the Commission or an authorised person shall, if the matter or thing was done in good faith for the purpose of executing the provisions of subsections (1)-(4), subject the Crown, the Commission or an authorised person to any action, liability, claim or demand.
- (3) Section 29 (Offences)—

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- (a) Omit "\$500", insert instead "\$2,000".
- (b) Omit "3 months", insert instead "12 months".
- (4) Section 31 (Certificate evidence of certain matters)—
- 25 (a) Section 31 (b)—
 After "employed by", insert "the Commission or".
 - (b) Section 31 (b)—

 Before "research officer", insert "technical officer.".
 - (c) Section 31 (b) (i), (vi)—
- 30 Omit "untreated" wherever occurring.

AMENDMENTS TO PART V OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued

(d) Section 31 (b) (vi)—

Omit "or".

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(e) Section 31 (b) (vii)-(ix)-

Omit section 31 (b) (vii), insert instead:

- (vii) has more than 50 per cent of a face or edge at a cross section comprised of lyctid susceptible sapwood;
- (viii) does not comply with a particular standard or a part thereof (including a particular stress grading under a standard); or
 - (ix) has the moisture content specified in that certificate,
- (f) Section 31 (2)—

At the end of section 31, insert:

- (2) In any legal proceedings, evidence that a portion or sample of timber taken from a quantity of timber or from a building does not comply with a particular provision of this Act or the regulations is, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, evidence that that quantity of timber or the timber in that building does not comply with that provision.
- (5) Section 32A—
- 20 After section 32, insert:

Presumption that certain timber or article is for sale

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AMENDMENTS TO PART V OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued

- (2) The presumption in subsection (1) does not apply if it is established that the timber or article—
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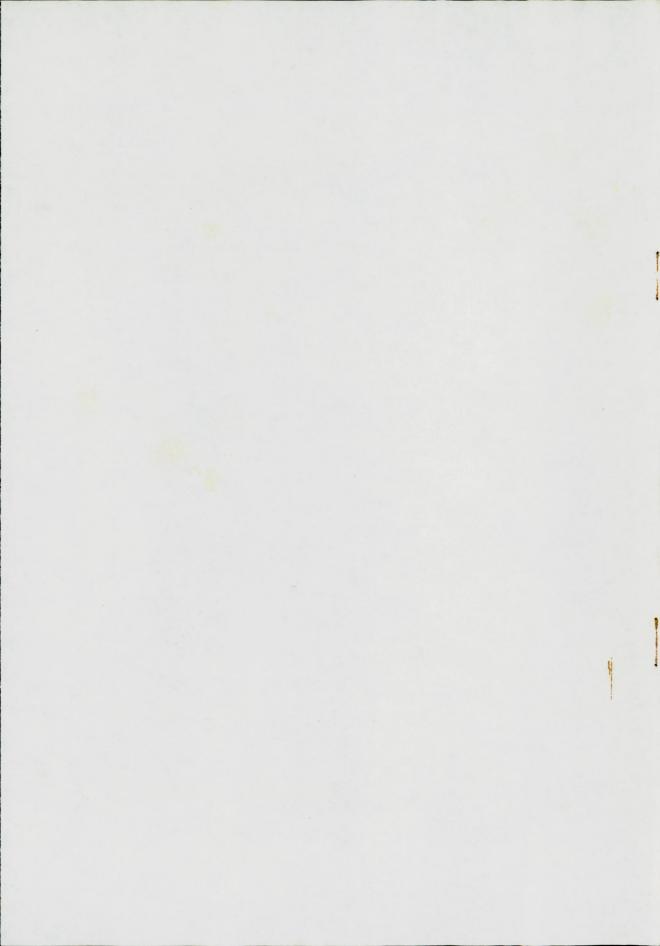
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Act No. 141, 1986

An Act to amend the Timber Marketing Act 1977 to make further provision with respect to the control of the sale and use of timber. [Assented to, 17 December 1986]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the "Timber Marketing (Amendment) Act 1986".

Commencement

- 2. (1) Except as provided by this section, this Act shall commence on the date of assent to this Act.
- (2) Section 4, in its application to a provision of Schedules 1–6, shall commence on the day on which the provision commences.
- (3) The several provisions of Schedules 1–6 shall commence on such day or days as may be appointed by the Governor and notified by proclamation published in the Gazette.

Principal Act

3. The Timber Marketing Act 1977 is referred to in this Act as the Principal Act.

Amendment of Act No. 72, 1977

4. The Principal Act is amended in the manner set forth in Schedules 1–6.

SCHEDULE 1

(Sec. 4)

AMENDMENTS TO PART I OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT

Section 4 (Interpretation)—

(1) Section 4 (1), definition of "lyctid susceptible sapwood"—

Omit the definition, insert instead:

"lyctid susceptible sapwood" means sapwood of a hardwood species of tree, being sapwood—

- (a) that has been, or is being, attacked by lyctids; or
- (b) that, when tested for the presence of starch in accordance with a prescribed test, shows a result prescribed in relation to that test,

but does not include—

- (c) sapwood that has been treated by an approved preservative treatment for the prevention of attack by lyctids; or
- (d) the sapwood of a prescribed species of tree;
- (2) Section 4 (1), definition of "preservative treated"—

Omit "or increasing the resistance of that timber to fire".

(3) Section 4 (1), definition of "registered brand"—

Omit the definition, insert instead:

"registered brand", in relation to the treatment of timber by means of an approved preservative treatment, means the brand for the time being registered by the Commission under section 20 in respect of that approved preservative treatment;

(4) Section 4 (1), definition of "timber"—

Omit "similar materials;", insert instead:

similar materials,

but does not include an article.

AMENDMENTS TO PART I OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued

(5) Section 4 (1), definition of "untreated"—
Omit the definition.

SCHEDULE 2

(Sec. 4)

AMENDMENTS TO PART II OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT

(1) Section 4A—

Before section 5, insert:

Application of Part

4A. This Part applies only to timber that is the wood of a hardwood species of tree (not being a prescribed species).

(2) Section 5 (Sale of certain timber prohibited)—

Omit "untreated" wherever occurring.

(3) Section 6—

Omit the section, insert instead:

Sale of certain framing timber

- 6. (1) A person shall not sell any framing timber—
- (a) of which more than 25 per cent of the perimeter of any cross section comprises lyctid susceptible sapwood; or
- (b) of which more than 50 per cent of any face or edge at any cross section comprises lyctid susceptible sapwood.
- (2) It is a defence to a prosecution brought against a person in respect of an offence under this section if the person proves that the purchaser was given the prescribed warning in the prescribed manner.

AMENDMENTS TO PART II OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued

- (3) It is a defence to a prosecution brought in respect of an offence under this section against a person who has sold any framing timber by way of resale if the person proves that—
 - (a) if the offence is an offence under subsection (1) (a)—the person did not know and could not reasonably be expected to have known that more than 25 per cent of the perimeter of a cross section of that timber comprised lyctid susceptible sapwood; or
 - (b) if the offence is an offence under subsection (1) (b)—the person did not know and could not reasonably be expected to have known that more than 50 per cent of any face or edge at a cross section of that timber comprised lyctid susceptible sapwood.
- (4) Section 7 (Sale of certain mixed timbers prohibited)—

Omit the section.

- (5) Section 8 (Sale of timber free from lyctid susceptible sapwood)—
 - (a) Section 8—

Omit "brand registered by the Commission in respect of that approved preservative treatment", insert instead "registered brand in accordance with the conditions of the approval".

(b) Section 8 (2)—

At the end of section 8, insert:

- (2) A person need not comply with the requirement that timber be branded if the timber is of a prescribed class or description but (if the quantity of any such timber sold is 2 or more pieces and the sale is the first sale of the timber in New South Wales) the person shall ensure that—
 - (a) the invoice or docket of sale; and
- (b) if the timber is sold in a pre-wrapped form, the wrapping, bear a facsimile of the registered brand.

AMENDMENTS TO PART II OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued

- (6) Section 9 (Sale of articles), section 10 (Erection of buildings)—
 Omit "untreated" wherever occurring.
- (7) Section 11 (Sale of buildings)—
 - (a) Section 11—

Omit "untreated" wherever occurring.

- (b) Section 11 (1) (b) (ii)—
 Omit "or".
- (c) Section 11 (1) (c), (d)—

At the end of section 11 (1) (c), insert:

: or

(d) timber (not being milled timber, laminated wood, veneer or plywood) of which more than 50 per cent of any face or edge at any cross section comprises lyctid susceptible sapwood.

SCHEDULE 3

(Sec. 4)

AMENDMENTS TO PART III OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT

- (1) Section 12 (Describing timber as dried or seasoned)—
 - (a) Section 12 (d) (ii)—
 Omit "maximum".
 - (b) Section 12 (d) (ii)—

Omit "does not, as at the date of sale, exceed 15 per centum by mass", insert instead "is not, as at the date of sale, less than 10 per cent or more than 15 per cent by mass".

AMENDMENTS TO PART III OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued

(2) Section 12A—

After section 12, insert:

Certain timber to be dried or seasoned, or described as unseasoned

12A. A person shall not sell any timber of a prescribed class or description unless—

- (a) if the moisture content of that timber is clearly shown on the invoice or docket of sale—the moisture content of that timber, when determined in the prescribed manner, complies, as at the date of sale, with the moisture content so shown;
- (b) if no moisture content as referred to in paragraph (a) is so shown—
 - (i) if a standard has been prescribed that specifies the moisture content for that timber or for a class or description of timber to which that timber belongs and the manner of determining that moisture content—the moisture content of that timber, when determined in that manner, complies, as at the date of sale, with that standard; or
 - (ii) if no such standard has been prescribed—the moisture content of any piece of that timber, when determined in the prescribed manner, is not, as at the date of sale, less than 10 per cent or more than 15 per cent by mass; or
- (c) the timber is described as unseasoned.

AMENDMENTS TO PART III OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued

(3) Sections 13, 13A—

Omit section 13, insert instead:

Manufacture of furniture and other articles

- 13. (1) A person shall not use in the manufacture of furniture, a prescribed article or an article of a prescribed class or description any timber which—
 - (a) if a standard has been prescribed that specifies—
 - (i) the moisture content for that timber or for a class or description of timber to which that timber belongs;
 and
 - (ii) the manner of determining that moisture content,

has a moisture content which does not comply, as at the date of sale, with that standard when determined in that manner; or

- (b) if no such standard has been prescribed—has a moisture content which, when determined in the prescribed manner, is, as at the date of sale, less than 10 per cent or more than 15 per cent by mass.
- (2) It is a defence to a prosecution brought in respect of an offence under this section if the defendant proves that—
 - (a) the use of the timber was agreed to in writing by the person for whom the furniture, the prescribed article or the article of the prescribed class or description was or was being manufactured; or

AMENDMENTS TO PART III OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued

(b) the furniture, the prescribed article or the article of the prescribed class or description is for the defendant's use.

Sale of furniture and other articles

- 13A. (1) A person shall not sell any furniture, prescribed article or article of a prescribed class or description which contains any timber which—
 - (a) if the moisture content of that timber is clearly shown on the invoice or docket of sale for the furniture or article—has a moisture content which does not comply, as at the date of sale, with the moisture content so shown when determined in the prescribed manner; or
 - (b) if no moisture content as referred to in paragraph (a) is so shown—
 - (i) if a standard has been prescribed that specifies the moisture content for that timber or for a class or description of timber to which that timber belongs and the manner of determining that moisture content—has a moisture content which does not comply, as at the date of sale, with that standard when determined in that manner; or
 - (ii) if no such standard has been prescribed—has a moisture content which, when determined in the prescribed manner, is, as at the date of sale, less than 10 per cent or more than 15 per cent by mass.
- (2) It is a defence to a prosecution brought in respect of an offence under subsection (1) (b) (i) or (ii) if the defendant proves that the defendant did not know and could not reasonably be expected to have known that the moisture content of the timber contravened the requirements of that subparagraph.

SCHEDULE 4

(Sec. 4)

AMENDMENTS TO PART IV OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT

(1) Section 16—

Omit the section, insert instead:

Sale of preservative treated timber

- 16. (1) A person shall not sell any timber—
- (a) described by the person or the person's servants or agents as being preservative treated; or
- (b) described or presented by the person or the person's servants or agents in such manner as to convey or be likely to convey to any person the impression that that timber is preservative treated,

unless that timber is treated by means of an approved preservative treatment and is branded with the registered brand in accordance with the conditions of the approval.

- (2) A person need not comply with the requirement that timber be branded if the timber is of a prescribed class or description but (if the quantity of any such timber sold is 2 or more pieces and the sale is the first sale of the timber in New South Wales) the person shall ensure that—
 - (a) the invoice or docket of sale; and
 - (b) if the timber is sold in a pre-wrapped form, the wrapping,

bear a facsimile of the registered brand.

(2) Section 16A—

After section 16, insert:

Sale of preservative treated articles

- 16A. A person shall not sell any article—
- (a) described by the person or the person's servants or agents as being preservative treated; or

AMENDMENTS TO PART IV OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued

(b) described or presented by the person or the person's servants or agents in such manner as to convey or be likely to convey to any person the impression that that article is preservative treated,

unless every timber component part of the article is treated by means of an approved preservative treatment.

(3) Section 17—

Omit the section, insert instead:

Dealing in timber preservative treated for reward

- 17. (1) A person who owns or controls a preservative treatment plant at which timber is preservative treated for reward shall not allow any timber—
 - (a) described as being preservative treated; or
 - (b) described in such manner as to convey or be likely to convey to any person the impression that that timber is preservative treated,

to leave that preservative treatment plant unless that timber is treated by means of an approved preservative treatment and is branded with the registered brand in accordance with the conditions of the approval.

- (2) A person need not comply with the requirement that timber be branded if the timber is of a prescribed class or description but (if the quantity of any such timber sold is 2 or more pieces and the sale is the first sale of the timber in New South Wales) the person shall ensure that—
 - (a) the invoice or docket of sale; and
- (b) if the timber is sold in a pre-wrapped form, the wrapping, bear a facsimile of the registered brand.
- (4) Section 19 (Consideration of applications by the Commission)—
 - (a) Section 19 (a) (v)—

Omit "and" where lastly occurring.

AMENDMENTS TO PART IV OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued

(b) Section 19 (a) (vii)—

After section 19 (a) (vi), insert:

- (vii) the design and performance of the preservative treatment plant and its capability to treat timber.
- (c) Section 19 (b)—

Omit the paragraph.

- (5) Section 20 (Determination of application)—
 - (a) Section 20 (1) (b)—

Omit "the brand", insert instead "a brand".

(b) Section 20 (2)—

Omit "the brand referred to in that application", insert instead "a brand".

SCHEDULE 5

(Sec. 4)

INSERTION OF PART IVA INTO THE PRINCIPAL ACT

Part IVA-

After Part IV, insert:

PART IVA

COMPLIANCE WITH AUSTRALIAN STANDARDS

Interpretation

26A. In this Part—

"Australian Standard" means a standard of the Standards Association of Australia.

SCHEDULE 5—continued INSERTION OF PART IVA INTO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued

Sale of timber branded or marked as complying with an Australian Standard

- 26B. (1) A person shall not sell any timber that is branded or marked with—
 - (a) the words "Australian Standard";
 - (b) the letters "AS"; or
 - (c) any other words or letters that are an abbreviation of the words "Australian Standard",

followed by a number which corresponds to that used to identify a particular Australian Standard (being a standard which is not divided into parts), unless that timber complies with that standard.

- (2) A person shall not sell any timber that is branded or marked with—
 - (a) the words "Australian Standard";
 - (b) the letters "AS"; or
 - (c) any other words or letters that are an abbreviation of the words "Australian Standard",

followed by a number which corresponds to that used to identify a particular Australian Standard (being a standard which is divided into parts), unless that number is followed by a number which corresponds to a part of that standard.

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 - (a) the words "Australian Standard";
 - (b) the letters "AS"; or

INSERTION OF PART IVA INTO THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued

(c) any other words or letters that are an abbreviation of the words "Australian Standard",

followed by a number which corresponds to that used to identify a particular Australian Standard and a number which corresponds to a part of that standard, unless that timber complies with that part of that standard.

Sale of timber branded or marked as complying with a stress grading

26c. A person shall not sell any timber which is branded or marked with the letter "F" followed by a number which corresponds to a stress grading under an Australian Standard, unless that timber complies with the criteria set out in that standard for that grading.

SCHEDULE 6

(Sec. 4)

AMENDMENTS TO PART V OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT

(1) Section 27 (Entry, inspection, testing and seizure)—

Section 27 (5)—

Omit "by the removal of that timber.", insert instead:

by the removal of that timber,

and, if a notice of seizure has been issued in respect of the timber, terminate the notice.

AMENDMENTS TO PART V OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued

(2) Section 27A—

After section 27, insert:

Notice of seizure

27A. (1) A person authorised under section 27 (1) may issue a notice of seizure in respect of any timber or article if the person suspects on reasonable grounds that there has been a contravention of this Act or the regulations in respect of the timber or article.

(2) A notice of seizure takes effect—

- (a) on service of the notice on a person who appears to have possession, care or control of the timber or article;
- (b) on the affixing of the notice or a copy to the timber or article; or
- (c) on the placing of a distinctive mark on the timber or article indicating that the notice has been issued in respect of it.

(3) A notice of seizure ceases to have effect—

- (a) if proceedings for an offence in respect of the timber or article are not commenced within a period of 30 days after the notice takes effect—at the end of that period; or
- (b) if proceedings for an offence in respect of the timber or article are commenced within a period of 30 days after the notice takes effect—at the end of the proceedings,

or, in either case, at such earlier time as the Commission determines.

(4) A person shall not, without the permission of the Commission, remove or interfere with timber or an article in respect of which a notice of seizure has effect.

AMENDMENTS TO PART V OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued

- (5) Subject to subsection (4), a notice of seizure does not have any effect in respect of the property in, or the responsibility for the care or control of, the timber or article in respect of which it is issued.
- (6) If a notice of seizure is issued in respect of any timber or article and a person is subsequently found guilty of an offence under this Act in respect of the timber or article, a person who, within 6 months after the notice ceases to have effect, removes the timber or article from the place at which it was when the notice was issued shall inform the Commission forthwith of the destination of the timber or article.
- (7) It is a defence to a prosecution under subsection (6) if the defendant proves that the defendant did not know and could not reasonably be expected to have known that a notice of seizure had been in force in respect of the timber or article.
- (8) No matter or thing done by the Commission or an authorised person shall, if the matter or thing was done in good faith for the purpose of executing the provisions of subsections (1)–(4), subject the Crown, the Commission or an authorised person to any action, liability, claim or demand.

(3) Section 29 (Offences)—

- (a) Omit "\$500", insert instead "\$2,000".
- (b) Omit "3 months", insert instead "12 months".

(4) Section 31 (Certificate evidence of certain matters)—

(a) Section 31 (b)—

After "employed by", insert "the Commission or".

(b) Section 31 (b)—

Before "research officer", insert "technical officer,".

(c) Section 31 (b) (i), (vi)—

Omit "untreated" wherever occurring.

AMENDMENTS TO PART V OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued

(d) Section 31 (b) (vi)—

Omit "or".

(e) Section 31 (b) (vii)–(ix)—

Omit section 31 (b) (vii), insert instead:

- (vii) has more than 50 per cent of a face or edge at a cross section comprised of lyctid susceptible sapwood;
- (viii) does not comply with a particular standard or a part thereof (including a particular stress grading under a standard); or
 - (ix) has the moisture content specified in that certificate,
- (f) Section 31 (2)—

At the end of section 31, insert:

(2) In any legal proceedings, evidence that a portion or sample of timber taken from a quantity of timber or from a building does not comply with a particular provision of this Act or the regulations is, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, evidence that that quantity of timber or the timber in that building does not comply with that provision.

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AMENDMENTS TO PART V OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT—continued

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