

**GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1.	Party to Agreement notifying: <u>JAPAN</u>
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
3.	Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Finger-jointed structural lumber for wood-frame construction (HS: 44.07-44.10)
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Amendment to the Standard of Finger-Jointed Structural Lumber for Wood-Frame Construction (available in Japanese, 16 pages)
6.	Description of content: (1) Present standards for finger-jointed structural lumber for wood-frame construction apply to finger-jointed structural lumber for axis frame; (2) Establishment of standards for Kou-class (A-class) finger-jointed structural lumber which need high-bending capacity; (3) Establishment of standards for Otsu-class (B-class) finger-jointed structural lumber. These standards apply to finger-jointed structural lumber for wood-frame construction except finger-jointed structural lumber for axis frame and Kou-class (A-class) finger-jointed structural lumber.
7.	Objective and rationale: Consumer protection

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8.	<p>Relevant documents: The basic law is the Law Concerning Standardization and Proper Labelling of Agricultural and Forest Products.</p> <p>The said standards will appear in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted.</p>
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Not yet determined
10.	Final date for comments: 27 December 1993
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or address of other body: