

**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

8.	Relevant documents: The basic law is the Law Concerning Standardization and Proper Labelling of Agricultural and Forest Products. The said standards will appear in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted.
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: