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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee TM/1, Timber Structures, to supersede AS 1720.2—1990. After consultation with stakeholders in both countries, Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand decided to develop this Standard as an Australian Standard rather than an Australian/New Zealand Standard.

*This Standard incorporates Amendment No. 1 (April 2006). The changes required by the Amendment are indicated in the text by a marginal bar and amendment number against the clause, note, table, figure or part thereof affected.*

The objective of this Standard is to provide a list of structural timbers and their properties. Information on the availability and source of particular species is normally available from local industry associations.

The main changes in this edition are as follows:

- (a) Inclusion of structural classification, as the new Appendix A, Tables A1 and A2, previously in AS 1720.1—1988.
- (b) Amendment of timber natural durability ratings to align with those given in AS 5604.

This Standard is the second part in a series of timber structure Standards, which is comprised of the following:

AS

1720 Timber structures

1720.1 Part 1: Design methods

1720.2 Part 2: Timber properties (this Standard)

1720.4 Part 4: Fire-resistance of structural timber members

The term 'informative' has been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which it applies. An 'informative' appendix is only for information and guidance.

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**1 SCOPE AND GENERAL**

This Standard sets out a table of species and their general properties, which can be used for the design of timber structures.

## NOTES:

- 1 It is emphasized that structural timber exhibits considerable natural variability and, consequently, the information given herein might be inadequate when precise and specific data are required.
- 2 The inclusion of a species in this Part does not necessarily indicate that it is readily available.

**2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS**

The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

## AS

1649 Timber—Methods of test for mechanical fasteners and connectors—Basic working loads and characteristic strengths

1720 Timber structures

1720.1 Part 1: Design methods

2082 Timber—Hardwood—Visually stress-graded for structural purposes

2209 Timber—Poles for overhead lines

2858 Timber—Softwood—Visually stress-graded for structural purposes

2878 Timber—Classification into strength groups

5604 Timber—Natural durability ratings

## AS/NZS

1148 Timber—Nomenclature—Australian, New Zealand and imported species

4063 Timber—Stress-graded—In-grade strength and stiffness evaluation

## ASTM

D143 Standard Test Methods for Small Clear Specimens of Timber

## BS

373 Methods of testing small clear specimens of timber

**3 TABULATION OF SPECIES AND PROPERTIES**

Some species used for structural purposes are listed in Table 1 together with their classification and general properties.

NOTE: See Appendix A for information regarding assignment of F-grades to visually graded timber.