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Preface

This is the sixth edition of CSA O141, *Canadian standard lumber*. It supersedes the previous editions published in 2005, 1991, 1970, 1965, and 1959 previously known as *Softwood lumber*.

The major change in this edition is that this Standard no longer applies to only Canadian-manufactured lumber. It now also applies to all manufactured lumber imported into and exported out of Canada.

This Standard is intended to be consistent with NIST PS 20, *American Softwood Lumber Standard*, and ensures the Canadian and American grade marking systems are interchangeable. It does so by

- a) establishing standard sizes and requirements for development and coordination of the lumber grades of the various species;
- b) defining industry terms and procedures to provide a basis for the use of uniform methods in the grading, inspection, measurement, and description of softwood lumber;
- c) providing commercial names of the principal Canadian-grown species and species combinations, as well as definitions of terms used in describing standard grades of lumber and commonly used industry abbreviations; and
- d) providing for the implementation of the Standard through an accreditation and certification program to assure uniform industry-wide marking and inspection.

In addition, this Standard specifies the organization, structure, and functions of the Canadian Lumber Standards Accreditation Board (CLSAB), which oversees the certification programs of Canadian standard lumber. This Standard also specifies that the CLSAB approves the grading rules for Canadian standard lumber. The National Lumber Grades Authority (NLGA) has established and maintains the approved grading rules.

This Standard was prepared by the Subcommittee on Canadian Standard Lumber, under the jurisdiction of the Technical Committee on Solid and Engineered Wood Products and the Strategic Steering Committee on Forest Products, and has been formally approved by the Technical Committee.

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