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**SUBJ:** LUMBER RECALL CRITERIA

ALSC Accredited Agencies

Several questions have been asked recently about the trigger percentages used by ALSC Field Representatives and Staff when determining if a mill is being placed on recall or priority recall. The text and tables below summarize ALSC's criteria for recall and priority recall assignment.

### Recall

A recall is issued by ALSC staff when a report resulting from a survey (combined with mill inspection results if available), recall, visit, or destination check conducted by an ALSC Field Representative identifies issues with one or more items that exceed the boundaries shown in Table 1. When a mill is placed on recall ALSC Field Representatives will make a visit of the mill during their normal travels related to their six-month survey.

**Table 1-Recall Triggers**

Item percentage for Below Grade	Equal to or greater than 7.5%
Item percentage for Moisture Content	Equal to or greater than 7.5%
For inspections with more than 3 items the average percentage for all items for Below Grade	Equal to or greater than 5%
For inspections with more than 3 items the average percentage for all items for Moisture Content	Equal to or greater than 5%
Item Percentage for Species Problem	Equal to or greater than 7.5%
Item percentage for Stamping Problem	Equal to or greater than 10%

**Priority Recall**

A priority recall is issued by ALSC staff when a report resulting from a survey (combined with mill if available), recall, visit, or destination check conducted by an ALSC Field Representative identifies issues with one or more items that exceed the boundaries shown in Table 2. When a mill is placed on priority recall ALSC Field Representatives will prioritize going to these mills to follow up on corrective actions being taken by the accredited agencies.

**Table 2-Priority Recall Triggers**

Item percentage for Below Grade	Equal to or greater than 15%
Item percentage for Moisture Content	Equal to or greater than 15%
Item percentage for Below Grade and for Moisture Content	If the item percentage for both Below Grade and Moisture Content each are equal to or greater than 7.5%

Sincerely,



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