

**BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS**

**MINUTES**

**Timber and Timber Stores Sectional Committee, CED 9 : 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

***In Joint Session with:***

**Timber Terminology, Conversion, Seasoning, Preservation, Grading and Testing Subcommittee, CED 9:1; and : 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

**Timber Stores Subcommittee, CED 9:13 : 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

**Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 : 12 30 h**

**Venue:** Online Meeting

**PRESENT**

**Acting Chairman for the Meeting:** Dr. M. P. Singh, IFS, Director, IWST

**Member Secretary:** Shri Pradeep Singh Shekhawat, Scientist-D/Joint Director, Bureau of Indian Standards

**Members:**

- 1) Dr C. N. Pandey, Representative, Federation of Indian Plywood & Panel Industry
- 2) Shri Ranjit Konwar, AFS, Representative, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Head of Forest Force, Government of Assam
- 3) Shri Manoj Kumar Goswami, AFS, Representative, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Head of Forest Force, Government of Assam
- 4) Representative, North East Cane and Bamboo Development Council (NECBDC)
- 5) Dinesh Ujjainia, Representative, Central Public Works Department, New Delhi
- 6) Dr Shweta B. Kukreti, Kerala Forest Research Institute, Thrissur
- 7) Dr Shreekumar V B, Kerala Forest Research Institute, Thrissur
- 8) Shri Anand Nandanwar, Representative, Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bengaluru
- 9) Dr Narsimha Murthy, Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bengaluru
- 10) Dr Veer Singh Gautam, Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bengaluru
- 11) Shri Uday D. Nagammanavar, Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bengaluru

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- 12) Shri Kiran M C, Representative, Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bengaluru
- 13) Ms. Preeti Buragohain, Representative, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Head of Forest Force, Government of Assam
- 14) Shri Umasankar Menon, Rubber Board, Kottayam
- 15) Shri Mickey Mecon Dalbehera, CSIR- Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee

**From BIS:**

- 1) Shri Arun Kumar S., Scientist-E & Director, Head Civil Engineering Department

**Item 0 WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN**

During the meeting, it has been informed to the Committee about the information received to BIS Secretariat that due to some urgent visits of officials in FRI, Dehradun the Chairman (Director, FRI) will not be present in the Meeting. As per discussion during the meeting, consensus of the present members and consultation with the Head, Civil Engineering Department, BIS, the Committee decided to continue the meeting in the acting chairmanship of Dr. M. P. Singh, Director IWST, Bengaluru (Chairman, CED 20).

The Chairman extended a hearty welcome to all the members present in the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of Timber and Timber Stores Sectional Committee in joint session of its Subcommittees.

He mentioned that the Committee is very important, as it deals with the development/ revision of Indian Standards related to timber and timber stores in which reference of timber species used in prevailing practices especially in reference of Agro-Forestry to be given. He emphasizes that the revision of Indian Standards needs to be taken-up to align with industrial practices. He also gave emphasis on the present need of an Indian Standard on chain of custody for wood and wood based products for agro-forestry wood. In the last, he added that, with the contribution from the members, we come out with good recommendations and decision in this meeting

With the above remarks, the Chairman suggested to go ahead with other items of the Agenda.

**Item 1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

There being no comments, the Committee confirmed the minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of Timber and Timber Stores Sectional Committee, CED 9 held in joint session with Timber Terminology, Conversion, Seasoning, Preservation, Grading and Testing Subcommittee, CED 9:1 and Timber Stores Subcommittee, CED 9:13, as circulated.

**Item 2 DRAFT INDIAN STANDARDS FOR FINALIZATION**

**2.1 Draft Indian Standard Logs for Plywood – Specification (Fourth Revision of IS 656) [Doc No. - CED 09 (21631)] – Copy of the draft is given at Annex 1.**

**2.2 Draft Indian Standard Logs for Matches – Specification (Third Revision of IS 1140) [Doc No. - CED 09 (21632)] – Copy of the draft is given at Annex 2.**

**2.3 Draft Indian Standard for Non-Coniferous Sawn Timber (Baulks and Scantling) – Specification (Third Revision of IS 1326) [Doc No.- CED 09 (21633)] – Copy of the draft is given at Annex 3.**

**2.4 Draft Indian Standard for Wooden Packing Cases – Specification (Fourth Revision of IS 1503) [Doc No.- CED 09 (21634)] – Copy of the draft is given at Annex 4.**

**2.5 Draft Indian Standard for Battened Plywood Cases – Specification (Third Revision of IS 2674) [Doc No.- CED 09 (21635)] – Copy of the draft is given at Annex 5.**

**2.6 Draft Indian Standard Wooden Handles for Picks and Beaters – Specification (Third Revision of IS 2892) [Doc No.- CED 09 (21636)] – Copy of the draft is given at Annex 6.**

**2.7 Draft Indian Standard for Pencil Slats – Specification (Third Revision of IS 3084) [Doc No.- CED 09 (21637)] – Copy of the draft is given at Annex 7.**

**2.8 Draft Indian Standard for Wooden Handles for Hand Hammers – Specification (Third Revision of IS 4953) [Doc No.- CED 09 (21639)] – Copy of the draft is given at Annex 8.**

**2.9 Draft Indian Standard Wooden Handles for Powrahs – Specification (Second Revision of IS 5942) [Doc No.- CED 09 (21640)] – Copy of the draft is given at Annex 9.**

**2.10 Draft Indian Standard for Non-Coniferous Timber in Converted form for General Purposes – Specification (Second Revision of IS 5966) [Doc No.- CED 09 (21641)] – Copy of the draft is given at Annex 10.**

**2.11 Draft Indian Standard for Returnable Wooden Crates for Vegetables – Specification (Second Revision of IS 7698) [Doc No.- CED 09 (21642)] – Copy of the draft is given at Annex 11.**

**2.12 Draft Indian Standard for Bamboo Chicks – Specification - Part 1 Fine [First Revision of IS 8295 (Part 1)] [Doc No.- CED 09 (21643)] – Copy of the draft is given at Annex 12.**

**2.13 Draft Indian Standard for Specification for Bamboo Chicks - Part 2 Coarse [First Revision of IS 8295 (Part 2)] [Doc No.- CED 09 (21644)] – Copy of the draft is given at Annex 13.**

The Committee considered the drafts for the revision of different Indian Standards i.e. Doc No. - CED09 (21631), CED09 (21632), CED09 (21633), CED09 (21634), CED09 (21635), CED09 (21636), CED09 (21637), CED09 (21639), CED09 (21640), CED09 (21641), CED09 (21642), CED09 (21643) and CED09 (21644). The Committee discussed the comments received and decision against each comment has been given in Annex 1. After the discussion, the Committee finalized these drafts for adoption and publication with the changes as per the decisions on the comments.

The Committee also authorized the BIS Secretariat to take care of any consequential changes and other modifications/improvements required; and any other changes that may be required in consultation with the Chairman.

### **Item 3 CHAIN OF CUSTODY OF WOOD AND WOOD-BASED PRODUCTS**

The Committee considered the working draft on Chain of custody of wood and wood-based products given at Annex 15 of the Agenda. However, during the meeting, it has been discussed to cover the timber from agro-forestry only in the draft as in India most of the plywood are being made out of timber from the agro-forestry. And, Internationally the product is accepted only when the product is made from certified wood.

The timber from forest are already have documents like transit permit etc, and the timber from agro-forestry are free from transit permit. Due to this the manufacturer using agro-forestry wood are not having any document and not able to produce the traceability of the timber. Also, the forest certification is not applicable to farmers. So, for traceability of the timber from agro-forestry, this draft will help the famers and manufacturers to have such requirements of the timber and certified wood. This will be helpful to implement and verify the eco mark criteria mentioned in different Indian Standards for wood products.

After the discussion, the Committee authorized BIS Secretariat to modify and prepare the draft as mentioned above in-consultation with IWST as per Indian Standard format and then circulate the modified draft to the Committee and the Sub-committees' members for their comments/inputs.

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The Committee also agreed to co-opt Forest Department, Assam and Forest Department, Punjab in the Working Group (WG01). The Committee requested IWST to provide the contact details of representatives from these departments.

**Item 4 COMPREHENSIVE EXERCISE OF REVIEW OF OLD INDIAN STANDARDS**

The Committee requested the members to review the Indian Standards (per 2000) formulated by the Sectional Committee, CED 09 and provide their inputs/comments to BIS Secretariat for further take-up the revisions in phased manner. The Committee also requested BIS Secretariat, to provide the drafts in word format with their suggestions for revision of the Indian Standards (pre 2000) to the Committee and Sub-committee members for their review and inputs/comments.

**Item 5 PROGRAME OF WORK**

The Committee noted the POW details given in the Agenda.

**Item 6 INTERNATIONAL STANDARDIZATION**

The Committee noted the details of ISO Ballots casted and other information as given in the Agenda.

**Item 7 COMPOSITIONS OF THE SECTIONAL COMMITTEE AND ITS SUB-COMMITTEES**

The Committee noted and reviewed the present composition of the Sectional Committee and the Sub-Committees as given at Annex 17 of the Agenda respectively and once again requested the members to participate and contribute in the work of the Committee, CED 09. The Committee requested all the member organizations to review their nominations and send the updated nomination details to BIS Secretariat (email – ced9@bis.gov.in) as per Annex A of the Minutes of the Meeting.

During the meeting, BIS Secretariat has informed that as per latest guidelines from BIS's DG Secretariat. "Absence from two consecutive shall be viewed seriously and member be informed to reaffirm his/her commitment to continue". In view of the above, the Committee requested BIS Secretariat to send the final letter to the organization with copy to nominated members for their commitment to continue in this sectional committee and sub-committees, and if no response received, the nomination of the organization may be withdrawn accordingly.

**Item 8 ONLINE AVAILABILITY OF INDIAN STANDARDS**

The Committee noted the information given under the Agenda item.

**Item 9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The members joined the Member-Secretary in thanking the acting Chairman for guidance and smooth conduct of the meeting leading to fruitful discussions and decisions. The Member Secretary also thanked all the members for their keen interest and valuable inputs during the deliberations in the meeting.

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