



**Media Statement from Timber Products Inspection, Inc. President
Regarding Brazilian Plywood Lawsuit
September 13, 2019**

“For more than 50 years, Timber Products Inspection, Inc. (TP) has built a reputation for reliability, accuracy, and integrity in all our work, growing into one of the world’s largest wood products accrediting agencies. In that time, TP has set the highest standards for the objective evaluation of a variety of wood products.

Last week, we were surprised by a lawsuit alleging our company and others have inconsistently applied the PS 1-09 standard to Brazilian plywood. The allegations in the lawsuit are absolutely false.

We have extreme confidence in our processes. Our confidence is anchored by our standalone, accredited testing facility in Georgia where all client products – including Brazilian plywood – are tested to ensure they meet a variety of regulatory standards. Despite the claims of the plaintiffs, our experience and testing indicate that Brazilian plywood meets all objective industry and regulatory standards outlined by the PS 1-09 standard. Clients in Brazil and elsewhere who do not consistently meet the applicable industry standard do not remain as TP clients.

A third party established the standard for the plywood program to ensure consistency, and our role is to inspect and audit our clients against the standard requirements. We do this through a rigorous and established qualification process, routine in-plant inspections, and periodic quality checks. These established processes, procedures, and results are reviewed by two outside, independent accreditation bodies on at least yearly intervals.

It is also important to note that there is a clearly defined resolution process for these types of disputes. TP would welcome the opportunity to subject any of our clients’ plywood, including Brazilian plywood, to the outlined resolution process.

In 50 years of service, TP has never been accused of such negligence and we stand by our team, our clients, and our processes. We intend to vigorously defend our reputation in court – and as necessary, in public – in the months ahead.”

Jay Moore
President
Timber Products Inspection