



a Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Electric Program Memorandum

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In Re: Materials Waivers on Timber Goods

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has heard from borrowers with concerns about the removal of Penta from the marketplace for the treatment of wood products. RUS reminds borrowers that any materials not currently presented in Informational Publication 202-1 “List of Materials” or specifically cited in regulation, still may be used, based on the Cooperatives’ needs subject to RUS approval. Therefore, the approval to use non-standard or unlisted materials in timber may be obtained via waiver from RUS under authority of 7 CFR 1728.20.

Additional information from the agency on a longer-term measure will be forthcoming.

In the meantime, to obtain a waiver for non-standard or unlisted materials, the Co-op should submit a request to Technical Standards Committee A via your General Field Representative (GFR) or directly via email to the Chair of Technical Standards Committee A: norris.nicholson@usda.gov

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