

**Companion to:
Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee (MHCC) Proposal Form**

3. Proposal (include proposed new or revised wording, or identification of wording to be deleted): (Note: Proposed test should be in legislative format: i.e. use underscore to denote wording to be inserted (inserted wording) and strike-through to denote wording to be deleted (~~deleted wording~~).

3280.304 Materials.

(a) Dimension and board lumber shall not exceed 19 percent moisture content at time of installation.

(1) Treated lumber used for porch decking and porch joists which are fully exposed to ambient air may have a moisture content exceeding 19 percent.

4. Statement of Problem and Substantiation for Proposal: (Note: State problem that will be resolved by your recommendation: give the specific reason for your proposal including copies of test, research papers, experience, etc. Provide a cost/benefit review of your recommendation. If more than 200 words, it may be abstracted for publication).

Per the current language, it is not permissible to use standard treated lumber. KDAT (kiln dried after treatment) must be used to obtain moisture content below 19%. Many porch designs exist where the joists do not extend into the enclosed portion of the floor cavity, and thus are exposed to ambient air at all times. Taking this into consideration, it seems logical that the moisture content of exposed treated lumber at the time of construction should not be limited.

6. Cost/Benefit information. The proposal must include a statement as to whether the proposed change would result in an increased cost, and if so, how much of an increase. The benefit to be gained if the proposed change is implemented in the manufactured housing program document must also be described.

Standard treated lumber will recognize a savings in comparison to KDAT lumber.