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State Building Official
Mr. Edward Smith, Director, Codes & Standards Division,
Department of Community Affairs
101 South Broad Street
PO Box 802
Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Mr. Smith,

American Lumber Standard Committee (“ALSC”) recently has been made aware of lumber located in a port in the State of New York bearing non-ALS stamps. The attached memo includes a photograph showing the stamp in question. The inclusion of the “No. 2” on the stamp may give code officials, building inspectors, contractors, and others the incorrect impression that the lumber has design properties attributable to lumber graded No. 2 under the ALSC system.

To be clear, this stamp does not come from any ALSC-accredited inspection agency. As such, there are no ALS-approved design values that are attributable to lumber bearing this stamp.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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TO: ALSC MEMBERS & ALTERNATES & OTHER
INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: DAVID E. KRETSCHMANN

DATE: MAY 6, 2020

SUBJECT: NON-ALS STAMP

The grade stamp shown below was recently observed in New York.

This stamp is not from an accredited American Lumber Standard Committee agency; there are no corresponding ALSC system design values attributable to it. This should not be represented as a structural lumber product under the ALSC system.



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cc: ALS Staff