

# Newsletter 202

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Dear Members,

## **SANS 1288 Ed 3.5 PUBLISHED, ALLOWING ENVELOPE TREATMENT OF IMPERMEABLE SAWN SOFTWOODS AND TREATMENT TO REFUSAL OF SAWN EUCALYPTUS**

The amended SANS 1288:2016 Ed 3.5 was approved on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April and is now available from the SABS Standards sales department ([sales@sabs.co.za](mailto:sales@sabs.co.za) or 012 428 7911), and effective from the date of publication. The latest amendment incorporates the treatment of sawn eucalyptus timber with class W preservatives for H2 purposes using a treatment to refusal process. The amendment also includes for the envelope treatment of impermeable sawn softwoods (e.g. spruce) with LOSP preservatives to H2. The treatment and process requirements are specified and clarified by footnotes to H2 in tables 1 and 2 respectively as well as definitions of treatment to refusal.

## **REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL BUILDING REGULATIONS AND BUILDING STANDARDS ACT**

SAWPA recently attended a stakeholder meeting on the review of the National Building Regulations and Building Standards Act where the DTI unveiled the plans for revision and establishment of a task team to oversee the rewriting process. It is envisaged that the process may take up to 5 years, and it is important that SAWPA remains abreast of and part take in the process to ensure that the current preservative treatment requirements remain as well as to influence any deficiencies that need to be considered. An example is the new energy efficiency rules that prescribe the use of cavity walls, which has the potential to cause access and infestation to building timbers by subterranean termites in the inland areas.

## **BOSBERAAD BETWEEN DAFF & FOREST SECTOR AND OTHER RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO DISCUSS PRESSING ISSUES**

A Bosberaad arranged by DAFF was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of April that included representatives from industry, e.g. Forestry South Africa, Sawmilling South Africa, PAMSA, SAPWA together with all the pertinent Government departments, i.e. Water & Sanitation, Trade & Industry, Rural Development & Land Reform, Public Enterprises and Environmental Affairs. The Bosberaad was called by the Deputy Minister of DAFF to deal with priority key issues that will ensure growth in the industry, i.e. rural development, job creation, new afforestation, recommissioning of reversed exit areas and state plantations, water licencing as well as transformation in the sector, land reform, the new Alien and Invasive Species Regulations and the draft Genus Exchange regulations etc.

Although the majority of issues relate mainly to the growers, the outcomes will directly affect the processing sectors of which we form a part off. As such our support and assistance in the enormous efforts and inputs made by FSA is required. The outcomes and action coming from the Bosberaad was positive and if addressed it will ensure industry growth which in turn will assist industry to achieve the goals set for industry by Government.

## **PROPOSED REVIEW OF ALL SANS WOOD TREATMENT SPECIFICATIONS**

A proposal to revise SANS 10005, SANS 1288, SANS 457-2&3 as well as SANS 753 and SANS 754 was tabled at a recent SABS TC 218 meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April, and found suitable with all the members of the TC in attendance. The proposed changes, which was also a point of discussion at the SAWPA regional meetings held in

February and March, intends to revise the aforementioned specifications in such a way as to simplify them by removing all the unnecessary duplications contained therein, to ensure any contradictory content is clarified or removed, to allow for clear interpretation by the users and regulators.

In principle the changes will incorporate the removal of all preservative treatment performance requirements from SANS 10005, which will in future address only provisions related to the preservatives and processes approved for industrial and primary preservative treatment, the clarification of the hazard classes, etc. All the performance requirements, i.e. penetration and retention, covering all commodities will be contained in SANS 1288, which will mean the pole standards will only contain the physical and material requirements up to and prior to preservative treatment, with reference to compliance to SANS 1288 in respect to the specific treatment requirements. A working group was appointed at the TC 218 meeting which will be convened by Bruce Breedt, who has also been given the task of drafting the initial working drafts.

### **NEWLY APPOINTED REGIONAL CHAIRPERSONS**

Following the resignation of the regional chairmen in both the Southern/Eastern Cape and Western Cape regions to follow new career paths, SAWPA embarked on a process whereby written nominations followed by a ballot was implemented. We are pleased to announce that the new Chairman for the South/Eastern Cape region is Pierre La Grange from PG Bison – Woodline, and for the Western Cape, Malcom Wetmore from Somerset Timbers. On behalf of SAWPA members we thank you for your willingness to take up the positions and welcome you as regional chairmen and representatives to the SAWPA Executive Committee.

Our sincerest thanks to the previous chairman, Henk Zonnestein and Francois Swanepoel, for their dedication and commitment, and we wish them all success on their new endeavours.

### **SABS TC 218 ON TIMBER PRESERVATION - PROPOSED RESTRUCTURE**

A proposal was tabled at the recent TC 218 meeting which will see the implementation of three subcommittees under the main Technical Committee. The Subcommittees will each deal with standards that pertain to a) preservative treatment and process requirements, b) chemical standards and related methods, and c) physical and material requirements of timber products where treatment is specified. This restructuring, if successfully implemented will fall in line with the proposed review of the timber treatment standards explained earlier. The function of the TC will be that of an overseeing committee, responsible for allocating any new and future standards to the most suitable subcommittee, as well as ensuring that each subcommittee fulfils its mandate with regards maintenance and development of the standards allocated to them.

### **INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH GROUP ON WOOD PROTECTION - LISBON, PORTUGAL**



The annual IRGWP meeting will be held from 15 to 19 May in Lisbon, Portugal. The meeting brings together between 200-300 delegates from around the world consisting of mainly scientists from research and academic institutions as well as industry representatives from various chemical, processing plants, industry associations, etc. with a common interest, i.e. wood protection and durability. Annually 100 to 190 papers are presented during the 4 days running in parallel sessions. As a member to the IRGWP, and after approval by the SAWPA executive, Bruce Breedt will once again attend the meetings in Lisbon to ensure that we remain up to date and informed on the latest developments in the world. He will for the third year be running as co-convenor of working party 2.3 dealing with Chemical and Physical analysis. SAWPA members who require more information on membership to the IRGWP or the IRG47 meeting can visit the following website [www.irg-wp.com](http://www.irg-wp.com) and link to <http://irg47.lnec.pt/>

SAWPA will also be submitting an application to the IRG executive council to host the IRG meeting in 2018 in collaboration with Joburg Tourism. If the EC of the IRG reacts positively to the application it will be put to vote at the closing plenary session on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May were the members of the IRG will make a final decision.

## SAWPA SPONSORED “GUIDE TO THATCH CONSTRUCTION” LAUNCHED



We are proud to announce the new “Guide to Thatch Construction” produced by TASA and sponsored by SAWPA was officially launched at the recent TASA 10 YEAR anniversary function. Bruce Breedt attended the evening where he delivered one of the congratulatory speeches and also received a 10 year membership award together with a special edition hardcover version of the guide on behalf of SAWPA. **The Guide to Thatch Construction** can be downloaded free of charge from the TASA website [www.sa-thatchers.co.za](http://www.sa-thatchers.co.za) or by clicking on the following link <http://www.sa-thatchers.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/GUIDE-TO-THATCH-CONSTRUCTION-IN-SOUTH-AFRICA1.pdf>

## NEWSLETTER OFF-CUTS

- Hits to the SAWPA website in February, March and April 2016 was 24873, 22362 and 23214 respectively.
- WoodEX for Africa 2016: SAWPA will be hosting a 3 x 6 m stand at the exhibition running from 9 - 11 June 2016 and we invite all our members to pay us a visit. We will soon be making complimentary tickets available to our members. For more information on the exhibition visit [www.woodexforafrica.com](http://www.woodexforafrica.com)
- SAFETY LABELS: We urge and recommend our members to be proactive and prepared and ask that you make use of the free labels available to SAWPA members. It's recommended that at least 10 % of all treated timber dispatched from your yard should be labeled. Safety labelling of treated timber will become a requirement with the publication SANS 10005:2016 Ed 8.
- SAWPA is a partner with African Construction Expo which is being held from the 9-11 May in Johannesburg and the Cape Construction Expo being held in Cape Town from the 11-12 August. For more information on these Expos please contact us on [sawpa@global.co.za](mailto:sawpa@global.co.za)
- SAWPA is holding a competition! Every year SAWPA distributes an annual calendar which is very well received. If you have a photograph or photographs in high resolution, which you think would make a great calendar picture please forward them to [sawpa@global.co.za](mailto:sawpa@global.co.za).
- It is with regret that we inform you of the “shelving” of the Wood Foundation. This unfortunate decision was taken at the recent Wood Foundation AGM due to the Foundation not being able to achieve its funding objectives. It is being shelved in the hopes that in a few years' time, these objectives can be realised.
- Attached please find a list of publications available free of charge to our members.

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