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TECO Achieves ROCB Renewal Approval in Japan

Sun Prairie, WI – TECO proudly announces the renewal approval as a Registered Overseas Certifying Body (ROCB) by the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (MAFF). TECO was officially registered on May 19, 2006 and renewal approval was granted on May 19, 2010 under the Japanese Agricultural Standards (JAS) Law. There are only six approved ROCB's in North America, and just nine in the world.

In January, representatives from MAFF audited TECO's corporate office and Eugene (Oregon) laboratory as part of TECO's ROCB renewal application. TECO's JAS renewal certification effort was led by Scott Drake, VP Operations, with the assistance of TECO's Japanese consultant. TECO has been approved to certify wood products for the Japanese market since 1993, and with this renewal, TECO will continue to provide JAS certification for OSB, plywood, LVL, and glulam manufacturers wanting to export their products to Japan, still one of the largest wood-consuming markets in the world.

TECO maintains accreditations in the U.S. through the International Accreditation Service, Inc., having demonstrated compliance with ISO/IEC Standard 17020 (*General Criteria for the Operation of Various Bodies Performing Inspection*), ISO/IEC Standard 17025 (*General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories*) and in Canada through the Standards Council of Canada having demonstrated compliance with ISO/IEC Guide 65 (*General Requirements for Bodies Operating Product Certification Systems*). The accreditation certificates for [AA-654](#), [TL-207](#), and [TL-306](#) are available at www.iasonline.org. TECO's accreditation scope for Canada can be viewed at the website for the [Standards Council of Canada](#).

Based in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, TECO offers certification and testing services for a wide variety of engineered wood products, including OSB, plywood, LVL, wooden I-joists, glulam, hardwood plywood, particle board, medium density fiberboard, and structural adhesives. Founded in 1933, the company is recognized to certify products for use in the U.S., Canada, and Japan, and operates testing laboratories in Oregon and Louisiana.

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