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TECO Passes MAFF JAS Audit and SCC CSA Audit with Flying Colors

Sun Prairie, WI – TECO proudly announces the annual approval as a Registered Overseas Certifying Body (ROCB) by the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (MAFF) and reassessment approval as a Certification Body by the Standards Council of Canada (SCC). Since 1993, TECO has been approved to certify engineered wood products - specifically, plywood, OSB, LVL and glued-laminated timber - to JAS. As an accredited certification body by SCC since March 2006, TECO provides certification for OSB, plywood, and glulam to CSA standards.

Each year, auditors from MAFF conduct a review of TECO's JAS certification and testing program in order to verify TECO's continued compliance with JAS requirements. In January, two MAFF auditors visited TECO's Eugene, Oregon, testing laboratory (where JAS testing is conducted) and also TECO's corporate office in Wisconsin, where the JAS program is managed. In both cases, TECO's JAS certification and testing program was found to be fully compliant. Each year, auditors from SCC conduct a review of TECO's CSA certification program in order to verify compliance with the ISO requirements. The SCC accreditation process is based on ISO Guide 65 but does include some additional SCC requirements.

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*); in Canada through the SCC having demonstrated compliance with ISO/IEC Guide 65 (*General Requirements for Bodies Operating Product Certification Systems*); and in Japan through MAFF having demonstrated compliance with the JAS Law. 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](#) and for Japan can be viewed at [MAFF List of ROCB](#).

Based in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin and founded in 1933, the company operates testing laboratories in Oregon and Louisiana.

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