



## USE OF IMPORTED TIMBER: FIT FOR PURPOSE

Australia and New Zealand are coping with short supply of structural timber in current industry environment. Consequently, there is a major influx of natural sawn and other engineered timber products from overseas. While many products are coming pre-certified with tests run overseas and many times certified to other equivalent overseas standards, it would be prudent to keep a few things in mind:

- While adopting any timber products from overseas; ensure the testing and certification of product is locally certified by suitably qualified institutions to Australian and/or New Zealand Standards. MiTek is not accredited to provide this certification.
- The manufacturer of product clearly specifies the intended use of product. All products: especially engineered timbers as LVL or GL are not always fit to be used as truss and frame material.
- Engineered or natural sawn timber from overseas cannot be readily added to truss design software. As a protocol, we need to perform nail-plate tests to arrive at design capacities of joints. The process needs resources and time. As an estimate, a bare minimum lead time of 6-8 weeks is applicable.
- For any substitution, the producer/ supplier of timber is responsible for providing the certification of table(s) and/ or capacities to Australian/ New Zealand Standards. This may allow applicability for on-site build/ framing process. However, this would still not allow ready adoption of the timber in the truss design software as the testing still needs to be done.

While we understand the urgency of situation and are available to assist wherever possible, it is imperative to abide by applicable Standards and Regulations to serve our community and achieve safe outcomes in our designs and products.

MiTek is committed to ensuring minimal risk exposure to our customers, and in turn their customers. Hence the best protection for your business is to remain covered by your own manufactured product insurance by using certified materials in accordance with manufacturer specifications. Please feel free to contact your local representative for further assistance in the subject.

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