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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee TM/6, Timber Preservation, to supersede AS 1604—1997, *Timber*—*Preservative-treated*—*Sawn and round*.

This Standard incorporates Amendment No. 1 (April 2001). The changes required by the Amendment are indicated in the text by a marginal bar and amendment number against the clause, note, table, figure, or part thereof affected.

This Standard is the result of a consensus among Australian and New Zealand representatives on the Joint Committee to produce it as an Australian Standard.

The objective of this Standard is to specify requirements for preservative-treated sawn and round timber for protection against decay, insect or marine borer attack.

The objectives of this revision are to —

- (a) incorporate the changes in Amendment No. 1 (issued on 5 July 1998);
- (b) update retention levels for ammoniacal copper quaternary (ACQ) in hazard classes H3 and H4;
- (c) include copper azole treatment for hazard classes H3 and H4; and
- (d) include preservative specification for high temperature creosote originally given in AS 1143—1973, *High temperature creosote for the preservation of timber*.

This Standard is the first part in the AS 1604 series of Standards, which covers specification for preservative treatment of timber products, as follows:

AS 1604	Specification for preservative treatment
AS 1604.1	Part 1: Sawn and round timber
AS/NZS 1604.2	Part 2: Reconstituted wood-based products
AS/NZS 1604.3	Part 3: Glued veneer-based products

This Standard does not specify the methods of preservative treatment that may be adopted to achieve the specified penetrations and retentions. Where the user is uncertain of the appropriate preservative treatment, additional information may be obtained from organizations such as state and territory forestry authorities, and the CSIRO Forestry and Forest Products.

Preservatives not covered in this edition, and which may have general application, should be brought to the attention of Standards Australia for consideration for inclusion in future editions.

The following colour page coding is used to differentiate the six hazard classes for the purpose of user friendliness:

- (i) Orange—Hazard class selection guide.
- (ii) Yellow Hazard class 1.
- (iii) Blue Hazard class 2.
- (iv) *Pink*—Hazard class 3.
- (v) *Green*—Hazard class 4.
- (vi) *Cream*—Hazard class 5.
- (vii) Grey—Hazard classes 6.

Statements expressed in mandatory terms in notes to tables are deemed to be an integral part of this Standard.

The terms 'normative' and 'informative' have been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which they apply. A 'normative' appendix is an integral part of a Standard, whereas an 'informative' appendix is only for information and guidance.

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