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Commercial Standard for Maine White-Cedar Shingles

FACTS:

Chapter 271, Public Laws 1965, repealed Title 30, M.R.S., sections 3653 and 3654, and enacted Title 30, Chapter 226, to provide a commercial standard for Maine white-cedar shingles.

QUESTION #1:

Can Canadian white-cedar shingle producers register with the State Forestry Department to utilize the "MCST" labeling provisions of Chapter 226?

ANSWER:

No.

QUESTION #2:

Can the Forest Commissioner determine the registration fee for Canadian producers?

ANSWER:

No.

OPINION:

Chapter 226, section 3701, states that the purpose of this chapter is to establish a standard method of testing, labeling and certifying of Maine white-cedar shingles.

Section 3711 provides for a registration fee for Maine shingle mills, but makes no provision for registration of any foreign mills.

The repealed statute set standards only for shingles packed for exportation.

The conclusion is that the law is not intended to apply to shingles packed in Canada.

Section 3710 allows the application of the designation MCST to shingles purchased by a registered mill, and provides that the mill whose number is designated on the bundle shall be responsible for the accuracy of the grade designated on the bundle. This allows for purchase of shingles from Canadian producers without their having to pay a registration fee.

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