



Illinois Department of Transportation

Memorandum

To: Regional Engineers
From: Jack A. Elston 
Subject: Special Provision for Wood Fence Sight Screen
Date: January 10, 2020

This special provision was developed by the Central Bureau of Materials in accordance with AASHTO Standard Specifications to allow more preservative treatment options for wood fence sight screens. It has been revised to make the requirements for Southern Pine the same as other wood species allowed.

This special provision should be inserted into all contracts requiring a wood fence sight screen.

The districts should include the BDE Check Sheet marked with the applicable special provisions for the April 24, 2020 and subsequent lettings. The Project Coordination and Implementation Section will include a copy in the contract.

This special provision will be available on the transfer directory January 10, 2020.

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WOOD FENCE SIGHT SCREEN (BDE)

Effective: August 1, 2019

Revised: April 1, 2020

Revise the last paragraph and table in Article 641.02 of the Standard Specifications to read:

“All wood, except Red (Swamp) Cypress and Western Red Cedar, used for posts, rails, or planks, shall be treated according to Article 1007.12.

Fence Height	Usage in. (mm)	Lumber Species	Commercial Grade
6 ft (1.8 m) or 8 ft (2.4 m)	Rails 3 x 4 (75 x 100)	Douglas Fir Southern Pine	No. 2 No. 2
	Posts 6 x 8 (150 x 200) or 8 x 8 (200 x 200)	Douglas Fir Southern Pine	No. 2 No. 2
	Planks	Red (Swamp) Cypress Southern Pine Western Red Cedar	No. 2 No. 2 No. 1 Fencing”