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This Standard is for use with softwood or hardwood boards up to 80 mm in thickness, where the moisture contents of boards in a quantity exhibit a single skewed distribution. (At the end of drying there is usually variability in the between-board moisture content distribution with a longer tail above than below the most common moisture content value.)

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