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(EBONYWARE)**

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FOREWORD

This Sri Lanka Standard Specification has been prepared by the Drafting Committee on Handicraft items. It was approved by the Civil Engineering Divisional Committee of the Bureau of Ceylon Standards and was authorised for adoption and publication by the Council of the Bureau on 10th September, 1973.

It is found that quality, workmanship and finish are at present varying considerably. Hence, this standard is intended to provide general guidance on the quality of wood and finish, especially for export purposes. The seasoning schedule specified should be strictly adhered to if the particular items is to be exported.

The moisture content of a fully seasoned piece of wood depends mainly upon the atmospheric conditions prevailing in the locality in which it is seasoned, although the species of the wood and the cross-section of the piece also have an important bearing. The moisture content of seasoned wood changes from season to season depending chiefly upon the fluctuations in atmosphere, temperature and humidity. The application of paint or varnish to the surface of timber reduces changes in moisture content with changes in humidity of the surrounding air. Dipping or pressure treatment with oil or creosote-oil mixture also has a similar effect. However, it is essential that it should conform to the optimum moisture content indicated. Also, to facilitate placing of orders by local and foreign buyers, the finish has been graded.

The standard temperature given in Table 1 is in degree Celsius. The converted values in fahrenheit are given within brackets for the convenience of the industry.

1. SCOPE

This Ceylon Standard Specification covers the type of timber, the corresponding seasoning procedure and finish for handicraft items made out of ebony. It does not cover the mode of manufacture.