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**Amendment to Section 8, Bearings, of the 2017 Standard Specifications for Bridge Construction, Re: Mill Test Report Verification**

The second paragraph of Subsection 8.3.3.3, Mill Test Reports, is replaced in its entirety with the following:

*Where mill test reports originate from a mill outside Canada or the United States of America, the Contractor shall have mill test reports verified by a certified laboratory in Canada by testing the material to the specified material standards, including boron content. The testing laboratory shall be accredited by a North American accreditation body to ISO/IEC 17025 for the tests required. The accreditation body shall be a signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation Mutual Recognition Arrangement (ILAC MRA). Preparation and collection of samples for testing shall be directed and witnessed by or completed by personnel employed by the testing laboratory. A verification letter shall be provided by the testing laboratory that includes accreditation documentation, applicable mill test reports, testing standards, date of verification testing, and declaration of material compliance with Contract requirements. The verification letter shall be signed by an authorized officer of the testing laboratory.*