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Subject: Firewood Method of Sale Policy

The following model policy from the 2004 National Institute of Technology (NIST) Handbook 130 is hereby adopted as official policy in Colorado. This policy applies to the sale of all wood, natural and processed, for use as fuel or flavoring.

**2.4. Fireplace and Stove Wood.** -- For the purpose of this policy, this section shall apply to the sale of all wood, natural and processed, for use as fuel or flavoring.

#### **2.4.1. Definitions**

**2.4.1.1. Fireplace and stove wood.** -- Any kindling, logs, boards, timbers, or other wood, natural or processed, split or not split, advertised, offered for sale, or sold for use as fuel.

**2.4.1.2. Cord.** -- The amount of wood that is contained in a space of 128 cubic feet when the wood is ranked and well stowed. For the purpose of this regulation, "ranked and well stowed" shall be construed to mean that pieces of wood are placed in a line or row, with individual pieces touching and parallel to each other, and stacked in a compact manner.

**2.4.1.3. Representation.** -- A "representation" shall be construed to mean any advertisement, offering, invoice, or the like that pertains to the sale of fireplace or stove wood.

**2.4.1.4. Flavoring chips.** -- Any kindling, logs, boards, timbers, or other natural or processed, split or unsplit wood that is advertised, offered for sale, or sold for flavoring smoked or barbecued foods.

**2.4.2. Identity.** -- A representation may include a declaration of identity that indicates the species group (Example: 50 percent hickory, 50 percent miscellaneous softwood). Such a representation shall indicate, within 10 percent accuracy, the percentages of each group.

**2.4.3. Quantity.** -- Fireplace and stovewood shall be advertised, offered for sale, and sold only by measure, using the term "cord" and fractional parts of a cord or the cubic meter, except that:

- (a) **Packaged natural wood.** -- Natural wood offered for sale in packaged form in quantities less than 0.45 m<sup>3</sup> (1/8 cord or 16 cu ft) shall display the quantity in terms of cubic meters, to include decimal fractions of cubic meters; or cubic feet, to include fractions of cubic feet.

- (b) **Artificial compressed or processed logs.** -- A single fireplace log shall be sold by weight, and packages of such individual logs shall be sold by weight plus count.
- (c) **Stove wood pellets or chips.** -- Pellets or chips not greater than 15 cm (6 in) in any dimension shall be sold by weight. This requirement does not apply to flavoring chips.
- (d) **Flavoring chips.** -- Flavoring chips shall be sold by volume.

**2.4.4. Prohibition of Terms.** -- The terms "face cord," "rack," "pile," "truckload," or terms of similar import shall not be used when advertising, offering for sale, or selling wood for use as fuel.

**2.4.5. Delivery ticket or sales invoice.** -- A delivery ticket or sales invoice shall be presented by the seller to the purchaser whenever any nonpackaged fireplace or stove wood is sold. The delivery ticket or sales invoice shall contain at least the following information:

- (a) the name and address of the vendor;
- (b) the name and address of the purchaser;
- (c) the date delivered;
- (d) the quantity delivered and the quantity upon which the price is based, if this differs from the delivered quantity;
- (e) the price of the amount delivered; and
- (f) the identity in the most descriptive terms commercially practicable, including any quality representation made in connection with the sale.