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**DEFINITION OF A FLITCH**

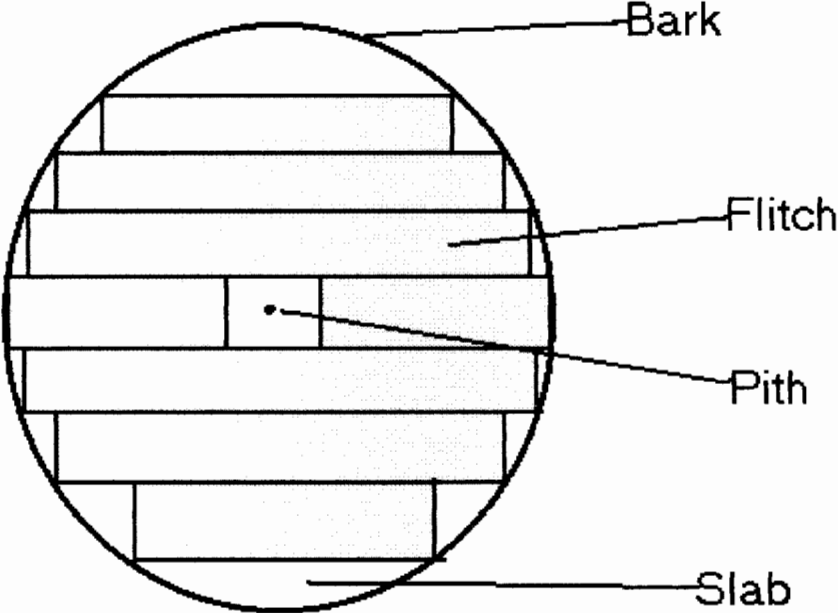
The definition of a flitch by the Minister for Forest on the 09<sup>th</sup> May, 1996 is:

**“A flitch is a large piece of timber having dimensions of more than 150mm ×150mm sawn or hewn on at least (2) sides and docked to required length at both ends, and is free from wane and pith”.**

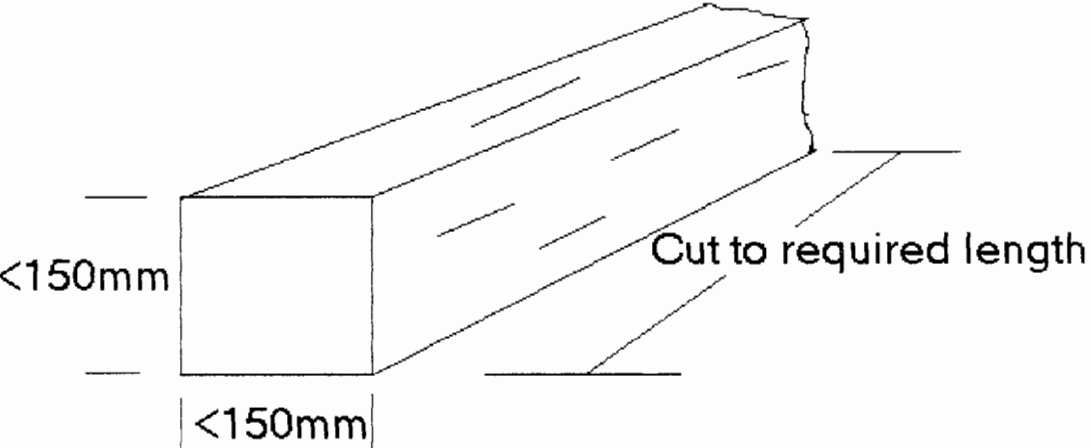
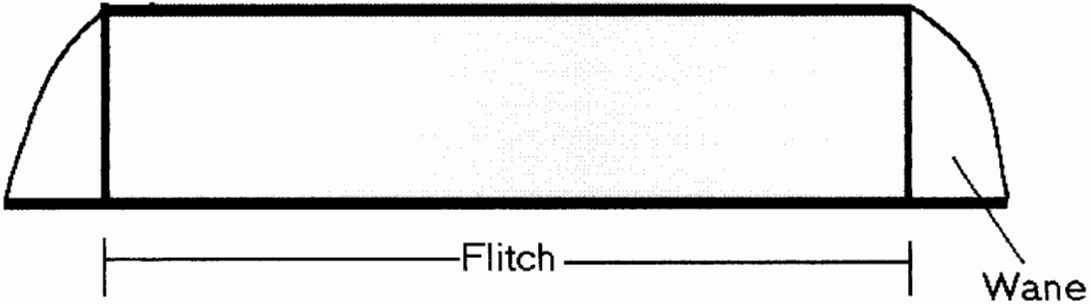
A piece of timber not fitting the specifications above should be termed as a log and normal duty rates on log export is to be imposed on the shipment.



Definition: Flitch is a large piece of timber having dimensions of more than 150mm×150mm, sawn or hewn on at least two (2) sides and docked to required lengths.



Note: A flitch is free from wane and pith and must measure more than 150mm×150mm.





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## DEFINITION OF BAULKS & CANT

The commonly accepted definitions of Baulks and Cant are as follows:

- Baulk** - “a piece of sawn or hewn timber of large rectangular cross section, usually more than 150mm wide, and often intended for re-sawing or other processing e.g. slicing of veneer” and
- Cant** - “a thick piece of timber with two or more flattened surfaces, sawn from a log and intended for further sawing”.

These are partially processed wood products intended for further processing. It had been decided that for the export of partially processed wood, the definition be limited to fitches. There is no restriction on the domestic sales of baulks and cant.

