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New phase of Lacey Act Enforcement starts April 1, 2009.

The Lacey Act Amendments of 2008 prohibit trade in plants and plant products harvested in violation of U.S. or foreign law. The amendment requires importers to declare the scientific name (genus and species) of any plant product included in any imported item, the country where the original plant was harvested, and the quantity and value of the plant content. The country required is the original country where the plant was harvested, not the usual country of origin for the finished imported goods.

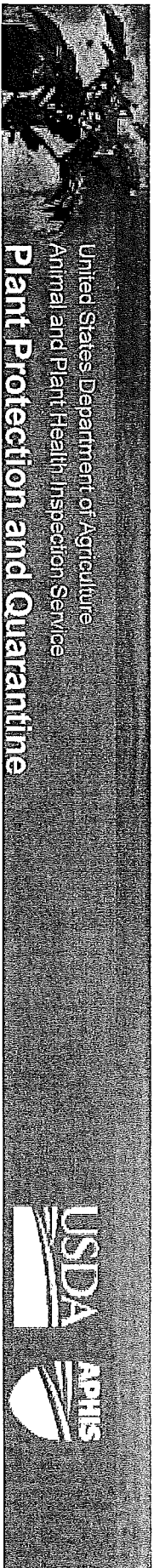
This reporting requirement covers a staggering amount of products. A sample of items covered includes wood, pressed wood, furniture, wood pulp, paper and paperboard, books and printed materials, wood items, plant based resins, pharmaceuticals, textiles, tools with wooden handles, builders' joinery and carpentry of wood.

The enforcement is occurring in 4 phases. The first phase runs from April 1, 2009 to September 2009. This phase covers items such as wood in rough, sheets of veneering, tools and tool handles, builders joinery and carpentry of wood.

The information required is covered on PPQ Form 505- Plant and Plant Product Declaration Form. After receiving the required information from the importer, we can file this information electronically as part of our customs clearance procedures. Electronically filed Form 505 is the fastest way to get your shipments released. There will be a charge for submitting this form.

If the required information is not available or submitted to Customs, it will delay the release of your goods. A sample of PPQ Form 505 follows.

For more detailed explanation of the Lacey Act Amendments, please contact our office.



Phase-In Schedule of Enforcement of the Declaration Requirement for Goods of, or Containing, Plants or Plant Products\*

I Present - March 2009	II April 1, 2009 - September 30, 2009	III October 1, 2009 - March 31, 2010	IV April 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010
<p>PPQ Plant Import Declaration Form will be available on Web site, and accepted after December 15, 2008</p> <p>Domestic and International Outreach</p>	<p>HTS Chapters:</p> <p><b>Ch. 44 Headings</b> (wood &amp; articles of wood)</p> <p>4401—(Fuel wood)</p> <p>4403—(Wood in the rough)</p> <p>4404—(Hoopwood, poles, piles, stakes)</p> <p>4406—(Railway or tramway sleepers)</p> <p>4407—(Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise)</p> <p>4408—(Sheets for veneering)</p> <p>4409—(Wood continuously shaped)</p> <p>4417—(Tools, tool handles, broom handles)</p> <p>4418—(Builders' joinery and carpentry of wood)</p>	<p>HTS Chapters:</p> <p><b>Ch. 44 Headings</b> (wood &amp; articles of wood)</p> <p>4402—(Wood charcoal)</p> <p>4405—(Wood wool [excelsior])</p> <p>4410—(Particle board)</p> <p>4411—(Fiberboard of wood)</p> <p>4412—(Plywood, veneered panels)</p> <p>4413—(Densified wood)</p> <p>4414—(Wooden frames)</p> <p>4415—(Packing cases, boxes, crates, drums)</p> <p>4416—(Casks, barrels, vats, tubs)</p> <p>4419—(Tableware &amp; kitchenware, of wood)</p> <p>4420—Wood marquetry; caskets; statuettes)</p> <p><b>Ch. 47 Headings (wood pulp)</b></p> <p>4701—(Mechanical wood pulp)</p> <p>4702—(Chemical wood pulp, dissolving)</p> <p>4703—(Chemical wood pulp, sulfate)</p> <p>4704—(Chemical wood pulp, sulfite)</p> <p>4705—(Combination mechanical and chemical)</p>	<p>HTS Chapters:</p> <p><b>Ch. 44 Headings</b> (wood &amp; articles of wood)</p> <p>4421—(Articles of wood, nesci)</p> <p><b>Ch. 48 Headings</b> (paper &amp; articles of)</p> <p>4801—(Newsprint)</p> <p>4802—(Uncoated writing paper)</p> <p>4803—(Tissue or facial tissue stock)</p> <p>4804—(Uncoated kraft paper)</p> <p>4805—(Other uncoated paper and board)</p> <p>4806—(Vegetable parchment, etc.)</p> <p>4807—(Composite paper and board)</p> <p>4808—(Corrugated paper and board)</p> <p>4809—(Carbon paper)</p> <p>4810—(Coated paper and board)</p> <p>4811—(Paper coated, etc. other than 4803, 4809, or 4810)</p> <p><b>Ch. 94 Headings</b> (furniture, etc.)</p> <p>940169 (seats with wooden frames)</p> <p>940330 (wooden office furniture)</p> <p>940340 (wooden kitchen furniture)</p> <p>940350 (wooden bedroom furniture)</p> <p>940360 (other wooden furniture)</p> <p>94039070 (wooden furniture parts)</p>
<p><b>PLUS PHASE II</b></p>		<p><b>PLUS PHASES II &amp; III</b></p>	

\* Declaration requirements are effective as of December 15, 2008. All declarations submitted must be accurate; false statements may be referred for enforcement. Failure to submit a declaration will not be prosecuted, and customs clearance will not be denied for lack of a declaration until after the phase-in date above.

