

Customer Fact Sheet

Prevention of Illegal Logging Practices; Farm Bill 2008; Section 8204

In the recent passage (22-May-2008) of the Farm Bill of 2008, an amendment to the Lacey Act was passed. Originally, the Lacey Act was intended to protect Fish and Wildlife from illegal importation. However, with this amendment Congress has also included Plant and Plant Products as well.

Items to note:

Import of Plants

- 'It shall be unlawful for any person to import any plant unless the person files upon importation a declaration that contains --'
 - The scientific name of any plant
 - Including genus and species
 - And a description of - -
 - The value of the importation; and
 - The quantity, including the unit of measure, of the plant; and
 - The name of the country from which the plant was taken.

Potential Industries Effected:

- ⇒ Textile and Apparel
- ⇒ Consumer Goods
- ⇒ Manufacturing
- ⇒ Furniture
- ⇒ Automotive
- ⇒ Food and Pharmaceuticals

Import of Plant Products

- 'Until the date on which the Secretary of Agriculture promulgates a regulation... a declaration relating to a plant product shall - -'
 - Identify the name and genus of each plant used to produce the product;
 - Identify the country of origin from which each plant was taken (harvested)
 - In the case of recycled plant products, contain the average percent of content without regard for species or country of origin
 - The only exclusion is for plants used exclusively as packaging material to support, protect, or carry another item, unless the packaging material itself is the item being imported

As of the time of this documents creation, there have been no updates from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the department tasked with gathering this information, on how this information will be gathered. However, Hellmann Worldwide Logistics would like to recommend the following strategies be implemented now for your business to avoid future disruptions:

- Have each supplier either send a separate declaration of the following information, or include it on your commercial invoices (and purchase orders)
 - Scientific Name
 - Including Genus and Species
 - Country of Origin for each plant product
 - Show net weight of each plant product being used
 - If using Recycled Materials
 - Show percentage of recycled content
 - Show percentage of non-recycled content with
 - Scientific Name
 - Country of Origin
 - If Importing Packing Materials
 - Comply with Scientific Name and Country of Origin Requirements

As further information arises we will advise you immediately.