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Phytosanitary Regulations and ARAUCO North America Composite Panel Products Attention: Customers of ARAUCO North America, Inspectors and Regulatory Agencies

Many countries have implemented regulations prescribing phytosanitary measures for plant and plant-based articles. It is the responsibility of the entity importing to determine the requirements, if any, of the country of import for their products and to ensure documentation has been secured, including any phytosanitary certificate(s) that may be required, prior to shipment. Obtaining this documentation may require a description of the manufacturing process of particleboard and MDF/HDF products. A description of the manufacturing process is detailed below for those instances where this may be required.

ARAUCO North America composite panel products including MDF, HDF and Particleboard are manufactured from wood residuals and wood chips. The manufacturing process consists of flaking and/or milling of the wood, heat treatment to control the wood moisture content, mixing with resin adhesive, forming into mats, and hot pressing into panels under pressure. The hot-pressed panels exceed the Federal WPM requirement of minimum core temperatures of 56°C (133°F) and minimum time of 30 minutes.

Additionally, ARAUCO'S manufacturing process for composite panels is consistent with the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) ISPM No. 15 (2.1) exclusion for Particleboard and MDF due to the inherent heat and pressure treatment within the manufacturing process as detailed above.

Further information regarding export of plant and plant-based articles can be found on the [US Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service website](#) and the [Canadian Food Inspection Agency – Heat Treated Wood Products website](#).

For further information regarding ARAUCO North America's products, please contact your ARAUCO Sales Representative.

Regards,

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