

ARAUCO North America Compliance with the Lacey Act

The Lacey Act is a wildlife protection statute that is administered by the United States Department of Agriculture and Plant Health Inspection Service. The act, that prevents the trafficking of “illegal” wildlife, fish, and plants, was recently amended to protect a broader range of plants and plant products. The Lacey Act now, among other things, makes it unlawful, as of December 15, 2008, to import, export, transport, sell, receive, acquire, or purchase interstate or via foreign commerce certain plants and plant products without an import declaration.

This letter certifies that ARAUCO North America products are in compliance with the Lacey Act.

The most recent Schedule of Enforcement posted to the Federal Register (Phase 5) for the enforcement of import declarations does not include particleboard and mdf products. APHIS has indicated that at least 6 months’ notice will be given to affected individuals and industry in advance of adding products to the Phase in Schedule.

ARAUCO North America maintains documentation regarding districts of origin, species and recycled content of wood raw materials used in production, which is available upon request to support downstream customers requiring this information. Please contact your ARAUCO North America Sales Representative to make this request.

For further information, please visit the US Department of Agriculture and Plant Health Inspection Service:

(APHIS): http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/lacey_act/index.shtml

Lacey Act Phase-in Schedule: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/lacey_act/downloads/ImplementationSchedule.pdf

General Questions and Answers Regarding the Lacey Act:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/lacey_act/downloads/faq.pdf

Submit Lacey Act questions to: <mailto:lacey.act.declaration@aphis.usda.gov>

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