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Trade Alert (Updated)

India - Phytosanitary Certificate Requirements for Shipping KD Hardwood Lumber

AHEC has been notified by the USDA-FAS post in New Delhi that US exporters of kiln dried hardwood lumber must fully endorse Phytosanitary Certificates with the kiln drying details when shipping to India. This is a requirement of the Indian Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage and failure to do so will result in shipment delays and clearance penalties.

Simply attaching the company KD certificate to the Phytosanitary Certificate and leaving boxes 1-6 on the Phytosanitary Certificate blank will not be sufficient and will result in long delays in clearing the shipment as well as hefty penalties.

For example:

No phytosanitary certificate can be issued until an application is completed (7 CFR 353)		FORM APPROVED OMB NO. 0579-0032	
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE PLANT PROTECTION AND QUARANTINE		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	
PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE		PLACE OF ISSUE SAMPLE	
TO: THE PLANT PROTECTION ORGANIZATION(S) OF SAMPLE		NO. FPC XXXXXXX	
		DATE INSPECTED	
CERTIFICATION			
This is to certify that the plants, plant product or other regulated articles described herein have been inspected and/or tested according to appropriate official procedures and are considered to be free from the quarantine pests, specified by the importing contracting party and to conform with the current phytosanitary requirements of the importing contracting party including those for regulated non-quarantine pests.			
DISINFESTATION AND/OR DISINFECTION TREATMENT			
1. DATE		2. TREATMENT	
3. CHEMICAL (active ingredient)		4. DURATION AND TEMPERATURE	
5. CONCENTRATION		6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
DESCRIPTION OF THE CONSIGNMENT			
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF EXPORTER SAMPLE		8. DECLARED NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CONSIGNEE SAMPLE	

DATE OF TREATMENT (MUST BE BEFORE 'DATE INSPECTED' ON PHYTO.

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KILN DRYING

30 MINUTES AT 56C OR ABOVE

DURATION & TEMPERATURE: 30 MINUTES AT 56C OR ABOVE (CORE TEMPERATURE OF WOOD)

N.B. - NHLA Certificate of Kiln Drying

India currently does not accept the NHLA KD Certificate as an alternative to the Phytosanitary Certificate, but it can be used to signify that the treatment has been performed on the lumber (as per a company KD certificate). As above, boxes 1, 2, 4 & 6 on the Phytosanitary Certificate must not be left blank.

For further clarification on this issue or for any additional information on shipping requirements for India, please contact: rod@americanhardwood.org.