

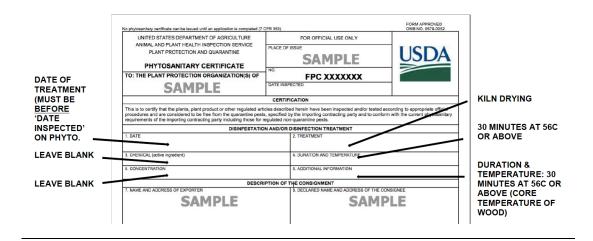
## Trade Alert (Updated)

## 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 <u>must fully endorse</u> 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:



## N.B. - NHLA Certificate of Kiln Drying

India currently <u>does not</u> 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 <u>must not be left blank</u>.

For further clarification on this issue or for any additional information on shipping requirements for India, please contact: <a href="mailto:rod@americanhardwood.org">rod@americanhardwood.org</a>.