The Lacey Act Web Governance System

An Introduction
The 2008 Lacey Act Amendments

• Legality Requirement
  – All plants and plant products imported into the United States must be legally harvested, sold, transported, etc.

• Declaration Requirement
  – Plants and plant products found on the “Schedule of Enforcement” must submit a Lacey Act Plant and Plant Product Declaration Form (PPQ Form 505) upon importation into the United States.
    • Declarations are only required for Formal Customs Entries.
PHASE-IN SCHEDULE OF ENFORCEMENT OF THE DECLARATION REQUIREMENT FOR GOODS OF, OR CONTAINING, PLANTS OR
PLANT PRODUCTS

Phase II April 1, 2009

Ch. 44 Headings (wood & articles of wood)
- 4401—(Fuel wood)
- 4403—(Wood in the rough)
- 4404—(Hoopwood, poles, piles, stakes)
- 4406—(Railway or tramway sleepers)
- 4407—(Wood sawn or shipped lengthwise)
- 4408—(Sheets for veneering)
- 4409—(Wood continuously shaped)
- 4417—(Tools, tool handles, broom handles)
- 4418—(Builders’ joinery and carpentry of wood).

Phase III October 1, 2009

Ch. 44 Headings (wood & articles of wood)
- 4402—Wood charcoal
- 4412—Plywood, veneered panels
  - except 44129906 and 44129957
- 4414—Wooden frames
- 4419—Tableware & kitchenware of wood
- 4420—Wood marquetry, caskets, statuettes.

Phase IV April 1, 2010

Ch. 44 Headings (wood & articles of wood)
- 4421—Other articles of wood

Ch. 66 Headings (umbrellas, walking sticks, riding crops)
- 6602—Walking sticks, whips, crops

Ch. 82 Headings (tools, implements)
- 8201—Hand tools

Ch. 92 Headings (musical instruments)
- 9201—Pianos
- 9202—Other stringed instruments

Ch. 93 Headings (arms and ammunition)
- 9302—Revolvers and pistols
- 93051020—Parts and accessories for re-olvers and pistols

Ch. 94 Headings (furniture, etc.)
- 940169—Seats with wood frames

Ch. 95 Headings (toys, games, & sporting equipment)
- 950420—Articles and accessories for billiards

Ch. 97 Headings (works of art)
- 9703—Sculptures

PLUS PHASES II & III.
Filing the Lacey Act Declaration

• ABI Filing
  – Electronic Filing through U.S. Customs and Border Protection
    • Specific software communications parameters as per the CATAIR

• Paper Filing
  – Importer prints two copies of the PPQ Form 505.
    • One goes with the shipment documentation for the product
    • Original is mailed to APHIS

• LAWGS Filing
  – New Electronic System designed to reduce the amount of paper submissions
Introducing LAWGS

The purpose of the Lacey Act is to combat trafficking in "illegal" wildlife, fish, and plants. The Lacey Act was amended in 2008. Under the Act now, among other things, it is unlawful to 1) import, export, transport, sell, receive, acquire, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce any plant, with some limited exceptions, in violation of the laws of the United States, a State, Indian tribe, or any foreign law. 2) import certain plants and plant products without an import declaration; or 3) make or submit any false record, account, or label for, or any false identification of, any plant covered by the Act. APHIS oversees the collection and enforcement of Lacey Act declarations as part of an effort to combat illegal timber imports and protect global natural resources.

For more information click the Lacey Act link below.
LAWGS Status

• Live System Designed and Fully Operational

• Status: Not Open to Public
  – Internal testing phase (June 2013 to Present)
  – Internal Certification and Accreditation

• External Beta Testing Planned for Fall 2013

• Launch Planned for Winter 2013
LAWGS Features

• Electronic Web Portal accessible anywhere
• Secure - Organization-specific access restrictions
• Submit Lacey Act Declaration PPQ Form 505 Instantly
• Eliminate “Lost in the Mail” or “Returned to Sender”
• Save templates for repeated similar shipments
• Track your submissions
• Step-by-Step Guidance while you File
• Dropdown fields to simplify the declaration process
• Eliminate worries over the spelling of Scientific Names
E-Authentication

• All Users must be e-Authenticated to gain access to USDA APHIS sites.

• Simple, free, one-time application process.

• https://www.eauth.usda.gov
Fill out and submit the application.
LAWGS Home Screen

Welcome to the LAWGS System (LAWGS). LAWGS allows you to quickly create and submit Plant and Plant Product Declaration Forms for the purpose of importing commodities.

New to LAWGS? Online help is always a click away - just click Need Help? located toward the top right corner of any page.

*The Following Screens are views of the Beta system and do not necessarily represent the final product.*
Filing a Declaration

Creation of a Plant and Plant Product Declaration Form

Entry Number

Note: The above OMB statement will not print on the electronically generated PPQ Form 505.

Entry Number:

Important: The Entry Number cannot be changed for this declaration form after clicking the 'Next' button. If the Entry Number needs to be corrected, the Declaration Form must be deleted and a new one created with the correct Entry Number.
Filing a Declaration – Cont.

Consignee Creation/Select
Filing a Declaration – Cont.

Other Shipment Information

- Estimated Date of Arrival:
- Entry Number: XXX12345678
- Container Number:
- Bill of Lading:
- MID (Manufacturer Identification Code):
### Merchandise
Items marked * are required.

* Description of Merchandise:  

(200 character limit)

### Compliance with Lacey Act Requirements (16 U.S.C. 3372(f))
To add rows for each article or component of an article, enter the HTSUS Number, Article/Component, and Value and click the 'Enter Row Details' button to select the scientific name and enter row specific data.

If you need to add more rows after returning from adding row details, enter the additional HTSUS Number, Article/Component and Value and click Enter Row Details. After saving the row details the new rows will appear at the end of the existing table. Previously entered data will not be lost.

* HTSUS Number:  44  12  39  4032  PLYWD, CLR, 1PINE PLY, FULLY SAND

* Article/Component of Article: 

* Line Number: 

* Value: 

**List of Articles/Components of Articles**

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No articles have been added.
Enter the scientific name for the article/component. If the species of plant used to produce the product varies and the species used to produce the product is unknown, enter each species that may have been used to produce the product.

Note: You must generate rows for Species and Special Use separately.

**Select Species**

Please enter a common name or a botanical name to search for a commodity. From the Commodity search results, enter the number of rows to be added to the form for each commodity and click Generate Rows. The corresponding Scientific name (botanical name) will be added to the List of Articles. Click here for search tips. Any search will return a maximum of 1000 results.

**Search By:**
- Common Name
- Botanical Name

**Select Special Use**

If the product was manufactured prior to the Amendment and you cannot determine species, you can select the applicable Special Use option.

**Special Use:**
- Select
- Special Composite
- Special None
- Special PreAmendment
- Special Reclaimed
- Special Recycled
- Special SPF

Note: You may only add 100 rows at a time.
### Filing a Declaration – Cont.

#### Species Information Page
Species and SUD Selected

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**Note:** If no rows have been added and you click the 'Save' button, the Article/Component of Article will not be added to the form. If you are editing an existing Article/Component of Article and you delete all the rows, the Article/Component of Article will be removed from this form once you click the 'Save' button.
## Product Information Page

**Creation of a Plant and Plant Product Declaration Form**

### Merchandise
Items marked * are required:

*Description of Merchandise:*

Wood panels

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By submitting this form, I certify under penalty of perjury that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information furnished is true and correct. Knowingly making a false statement in this Declaration for Importation may subject the declarant to criminal penalties in accordance with 16 U.S.C 3373(d).

By submitting this form, I am legally signing the Declaration.
Your Plant and Plant Product Declaration Form has been submitted on Wednesday April 10, 2013 at 08:15

For any future communication about this form, please use the tracking number 252.

To speed up the creation of future forms, you can save this form as a template. Click the 'Save as Template' button below to do so. Otherwise, click an option on the left navigation to continue using LAWGS.

Save as Template
APHIS Lacey Act Website


The Lacey Act combats trafficking in "illegal" wildlife, fish, and plants. The 2008 Farm Bill (the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008), effective May 22, 2008, amended the Lacey Act by expanding its protection to a broader range of plants and plant products. The Lacey Act now, among other things, makes it unlawful, beginning December 15, 2008, to import certain plants and plant products without an import declaration. This page will serve as a clearinghouse for all information related to the implementation of the Lacey Act declaration requirement and will be updated promptly as new information becomes available.
Please refer Lacey Act inquiries to:

lacey.act.declaration@aphis.usda.gov