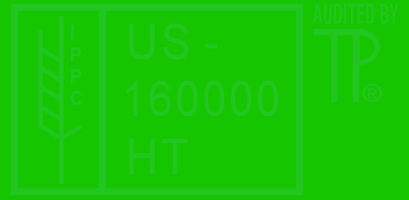


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COMMODITY WPM AND LUMBER

It is against USDA's Animal Plant Health Inspection Service policy to issue a phytosanitary certificate for wood packaging material (WPM) used in the transport of commodities. However, if the WPM is the cargo (e.g., a truckload of pallets exported to Mexico), a phytosanitary certificate can be issued.

Also, when shipping lumber as a commodity across international borders, it will need a phytosanitary certificate. The HT lumber mark and the ISPM 15 dunnage marks are NOT accepted certification.

If you need help to find contacts for a phytosanitary certificate, please visit www.aphis.usda.gov or feel free to call TP.

APPLICATION FOR PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATES

The Application is available online at the USDA website (http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/plant_exports/export_certificates_forms.shtml). The Exporter or Exporter's Official Representative will need to:

- Enter the complete name and mailing address of the exporter of record. Exporter's address must be in the United States or a U.S. territory or commonwealth, which includes American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands.
- Enter the complete name and physical address of the ultimate consignee of record.
- Enter the complete name, mailing address, and phone number of the applicant or the exporter's agent. Only U.S. addresses will be accepted.
- Enter the complete address where the shipment will be available for inspection and/or treatment.
- Enter the expected date of departure from the United States.
- Enter the port the shipment will be exported from.
- Enter the quantity, common name and scientific name for each commodity. It is the exporter's responsibility to enter the scientific name for all commodities. Indicate the intended end use of the commodity, e.g. animal feed, consumption, processing, etc.
- Enter the number and types of shipping containers.
- Enter the markings exactly as they appear on the containers, cartons, bags, bales, boxes, products, truck licenses, or railway cars.
- Enter where the product was grown or cultivated by state, county, district, or other geographical or political subdivision as necessary by the phytosanitary regulations of the importing country. Documentation supporting origin of commodity may be required.
- Enter the name of the airline or name of the vessel. If the means of conveyance is unknown, enter, as appropriate, "airfreight", "ocean vessel", "railroad", or "truck line". For rail or truck shipments to Canada or Mexico, enter the name of the railroad or truck line, if known. For mail shipments, enter "air mail", "surface mail", "express mail", or the carrier name.
- Enter the point (s) of entry. Enter "unknown" if the specific point of entry is unknown.
- By signing the application the applicant attests that "I certify that the origin (place where grown) of the articles listed is as represented."

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