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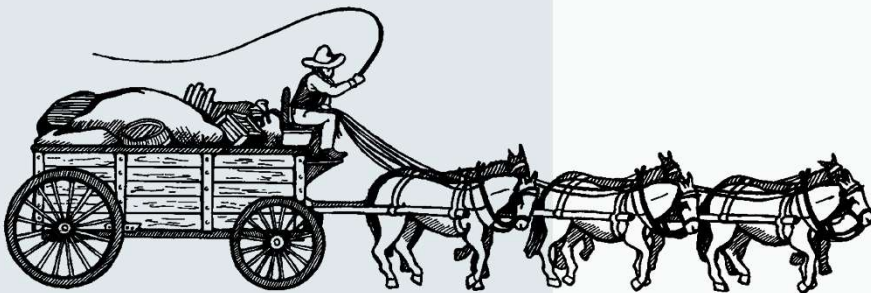
PGA Panel Part 1 CPSC & APHIS- Lacey Act

Moderator:

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Panelists:

- Erin Otto, National Policy Manager - Lacey Act, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Karen Bauer, Compliance Investigator, Office of Import Surveillance, Consumer Product Safety Commission
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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Plant Protection and Quarantine

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Lacey Act Program

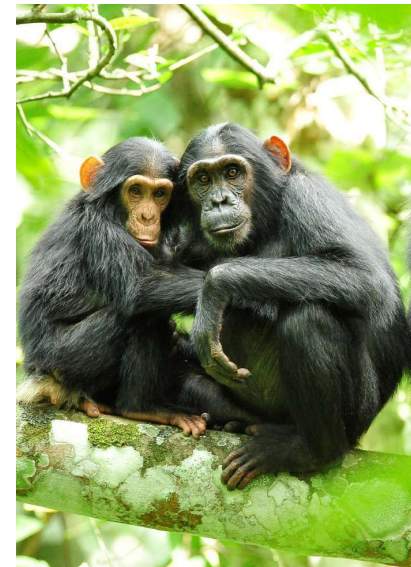
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Combatting Illegal Trade

- Illegal logging leads to:
 - Increased Greenhouse Emissions
 - Loss of Biodiversity
 - Deforestation
 - Corruption and Violence
 - Revenue losses for U.S. businesses



Lacey Act 2008 Amendments

- Covers more plants and plant products, including wood products
- Imposes legal requirements
- Requires an import declaration

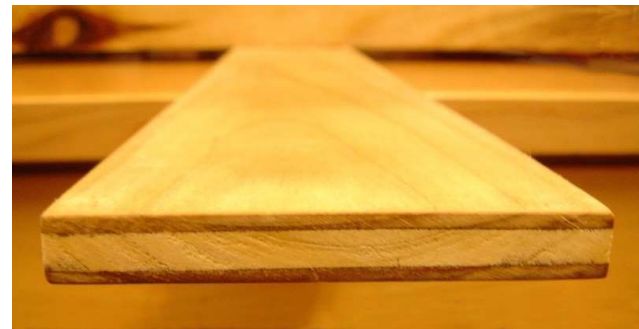


What are the Requirements?

All imported plants and plant products must have been legally harvested, possessed, sold or transported.

Articles imported under the act require a declaration stating:

- Value and quantity
- Country plant was taken
- Scientific name of each plant in product (Genus and species)



Does not require a declaration? Exemptions

**Common
Food Crops**



**Common
Cultivars
(except
trees)**



**Scientific
Specimens**



**Plants for
planting**



**Wood
products
used as
packaging
material**



**Products that
meet the
de minimis
criteria**



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APHIS Lacey Act Website

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant-imports/lacey-act>





- May 31, 2024 – Notice published in the Federal Register with Phase VII HTS codes
- Implementation Date is December 1, 2024, upon arrival
- <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/05/31/2024-11901/implementation-of-revised-lacey-act-provisions>



Bottom line:

If the HTS code is flagged for Lacey, you will need species and country of harvest information for:

- Articles containing wood or plant products
- Plant products not 100% composite material that are not otherwise exempted



Lacey Act Program – What's Next?

- Phase VIII
 - All remaining composite materials



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harvest to save the
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