

Title:	Importation of Logs and Forest Products with Bark Attached			
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1. Purpose

- To protect Alberta’s forests and economy from destructive forest pests that can be unknowingly introduced with shipments of imported coniferous and deciduous logs and forest products with bark attached.

2. Policy

- In accordance with section 164.1 of the *Timber Management Regulation*, no person shall bring into Alberta coniferous logs or other forest products that have bark attached (regulated coniferous forest products) without obtaining the approval in writing of the Director.
- In accordance with section 28 of the *Forest and Prairie Protection Act*, the Minister may carry out on any land, any measures that the Minister considers advisable for the prevention and control of a forest pest.
- To protect Alberta’s economic and ecological interests, importation of all regulated deciduous and coniferous logs and forest products with bark attached shall require the approval in writing of the Director.
- The Director may withhold his approval, or restrict or prohibit the transportation within Alberta if in his opinion the movement of the products could cause or increase the damage to forest growth by insect or disease.

Regulated forest products (require import approval) include:

- Logs, cants, rough-sawed lumber, slabs, roundwood, hoopwood, split poles, pickets, stakes, staves, squared timber, lath, butts, tops and firewood of any species, with >2% outer-bark attached; and
- Shipments of hog fuel or any other wood residue or debris, containing >2% bark by mass.

Un-regulated forest products (do not require import approval) include:

- Any regulated forest product (as listed above) that has been kiln-dried, heat-treated, treated with a wood preservative, or fumigated with an insecticide; and
- Christmas trees, seedlings, saplings, branches or live horticultural material of any species with outer-bark attached.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) requirements

Within Canada existing [CFIA plant protection policies](#) are in effect to strictly control the movement of firewood from regulated areas of Canada. Depending on origin, destination and species, forest products may be subject to federal movement restrictions and would require a movement certificate issued by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (refer to *Plant Protection Act, Plant Protection Regulations* Schedule 1 and 2 for details on prohibited and restricted movements within Canada). Further information is available at the CFIA website: <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/toce.shtml>

Importation of deciduous products including deciduous firewood

Certain species such as elm, ash or oak species require a federal movement certificate due to the presence of *Ophiostoma novo-ulmi* (dutch elm disease), *Agrilus planipennis* Fairmaire (emerald ash borer) or *Phytophthora ramorum* (sudden oak death). The importer is responsible to contact the **Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)** for specifics on the importation (into Canada) and/or inter-provincial movement of any deciduous species within Canada and subsequent authorization to import deciduous species or for inter-provincial movement. Also see the CFIA phytosanitary requirements for the importation and domestic movement of deciduous firewood. CFIA website: <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/toce.shtml>

3. Request to import regulated forest products

Prior to importation, a completed application form for import approval should be mailed, faxed or e-mailed by the importer (owner of the forest product while in transport) to:

Forest Stewardship and Trade Branch
 J. G. O'Donoghue Building
 Suite 303, 7000 – 113 Street, Edmonton, AB T6G 5T6
 Fax: 780-415-1509
 E-mail: chris.breen@gov.ab.ca

- Additional application information may be required upon request.
- Within 10 working days of receipt of a completed application form, the applicant will receive a written decision.
- Where appropriate, written approval to import regulated forest products will be issued by the Director, or designate.
- Application form attached and available online at: <https://www.alberta.ca/forest-business.aspx>

4. Required documentation for imported shipments

1. Copy of the Director’s written approval to import regulated forest products must accompany each load (*Timber Management Regulation*, Section 164.1).
2. For shipments of un-regulated forest products that resemble those that are regulated (e.g. regulated forest products that have been kiln-dried, heat treated, treated with a wood preservative, or fumigated with an insecticide), documentation of proof of treatment is required. The proof of treatment may be a type of certificate, timber-mark, stamp, or detailed within the invoice or bill of sale.
3. Required transportation records for any timber or primary timber products being transported on a public highway in Alberta (*Timber Management Regulation*, Section 118). The records can be in the form of an invoice, bill of sale, or a written statement accurately providing the following information:
 - a. The vehicle’s license number;
 - b. The kind of product being transported;
 - c. The number of trees or logs and the species (in the case of unprocessed timber);
 - d. The number of pieces, dimensions and volume of the product (in the case of processed timber products);
 - e. The shipper’s or vendor’s name and address and the receiver’s name and address;
 - f. The harvest authority, in the case of timber or primary timber products harvested from land held by the Crown in right of Alberta; and
 - g. Legal land description, the Indian Reserve or the Metis settlement area, as the case may be, for timber or primary timber products harvested from privately owned land, an Indian Reserve or a Metis settlement area.

5. Compliance and enforcement

Unauthorized shipments of regulated forest products may be ordered out of Alberta at the discretion of a Forest Officer, or other government employee appointed by the Minister for the purpose of enforcing regulations under the *Forests Act* (e.g. Transport Officers) and the *Forest and Prairie Protection Act*.

Mail unauthorized shipment information to:

Provincial Enforcement Coordinator
 Forest Stewardship and Trade Branch
 J. G. O’Donoghue Building
 Suite 303, 7000 – 113 Street
 Edmonton, AB T6H 5T6

6. Definitions

Bark attached – more than 2% of the entire surface area of a single log/piece/forest product with outer-bark attached. This amount of bark is considered large enough to provide habitat for forest pests.

Regulated forest product – imported logs, cants, rough-sawed lumber, slabs, roundwood, hoopwood, split poles, pickets, stakes, staves, squared timber, lath, butts, tops and firewood of any species, with >2% outer-bark attached; and shipments of hog fuel or any other wood residue or debris, containing >2% bark by mass.

Un-regulated forest product – a regulated forest product that has been kiln-dried, heat-treated, treated with a wood preservative, or fumigated with an insecticide; and Christmas trees, seedlings, saplings, branches or live horticultural material of any species with outer-bark attached

7. Contact

Director, Forest Tenure Section - Phone: 780-427-6807

Approved: original signed by Dan Lux
Dan Lux
Executive Director
Forest Stewardship and Trade Branch
Forestry Division
Agriculture and Forestry

Date: February 26, 2021

Application to Import Logs or Forest Products

Date (dd/mmm/yyyy): _____/_____/_____

Importer Information (owner of the forest product while in transport)

Company Name: _____

Individual Contact Name: _____

Street Address/Box #: _____ City/Town: _____

Province/State: _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____ Email: _____

Description of Imported Product

Tree Species: pine spruce douglas fir cedar other _____
 ash poplar birch elm

Product Description: _____

Volume or Number of Logs/Pieces and Dimensions: _____

Month/Year of Harvest: _____

Harvest Location/Wood Origin (nearest town or legal description): _____

Importation Information

Point(s) of Entry (hwy # or port name): _____

Date(s) of Entry: _____

Destination

Name (company or individual): _____

Street Address/Box #: _____ City/Town: _____

Province/State: _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

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