



Due diligence – What timber products are regulated?

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If you import certain 'regulated timber products' into Australia you will need to assess (and if required mitigate) any risk that they have been illegally logged. This is known as due diligence.

A regulated timber product is timber or timber products listed in Schedule 1 of the *Illegal Logging Prohibition Regulation 2012*.

Timber products are products that are derived from harvested wood from trees. This includes solid wood, reconstituted wood, wood fibre, pulp and paper.

The regulated timber products are identified using customs tariff codes, which are based on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System. The regulated products fit within Chapters 44, 47, 48 and 94 of the tariff codes and relate to specific wood products, pulp, paper and furniture products.

A full list of regulated timber products is contained on the back of this factsheet.

Are there any exemptions?

The following timber products are exempt from the due diligence requirements:

- a product that is made of recycled material, such as waste paper that has been converted to news print or copy paper
- any content of a product that is made of recycled material—which means if you import copy paper that is 50 per cent recycled, you would conduct due diligence on the percentage that is not recycled
- a product imported into Australia as part of a consignment where the combined value of the regulated products in the consignment does not exceed AUD\$1000. For example, if an importer brings in a shipping container with goods worth AUD\$8000, and in the

container there is AUD\$950 worth of a regulated timber product, that importer will not need to undertake due diligence on that import

- packaging material used to support, protect or carry another product
- non-timber products which includes products made from bark, cork, osier, vegetable parchment or grasses such as rice, bamboo and rattan.

Frequently asked questions

Q: How do I find out the relevant tariff code for my timber product?

A: If you have imported before, previous import documentation will likely include the relevant tariff code. If you use a customs broker, you may also wish to contact them for this information. The Department of Immigration and Border Protection website also provides extensive information on tariff classification (www.border.gov.au) and an advice line (1300 363 263).

Q: How will I know if the list of products is updated?

A: The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources' website will be updated to reflect any changes to the list of regulated products. To stay up to date you can join our subscription list by visiting our website at agriculture.gov.au/illegallogging.

Note: The regulation considers a timber product as recycled material if: the product is substantially made from material that had been, or had been part of, another product; and at the time the material was removed from that other product, the product was no longer used for its intended purpose and was considered to be waste.

Questions?

Visit the department's website at agriculture.gov.au/illegallogging.
You can also contact us by emailing: illegallogging@agriculture.gov.au or calling us on 1800 657 313.

Chapter 44

- 44.03 Wood in rough
- 44.07 Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise
- 44.08 Sheets of veneering
- 44.09 Continuously shaped wood
- 44.10 Particleboard
- 44.11 Fibreboard of wood
- 44.12 Plywood
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- 44.16 Casks, barrels
- 44.18 Builders' joinery, doors

Chapter 47

- 47.01 Mechanical wood pulp
- 47.02 Chemical wood pulp, dissolving grades
- 47.03 Chemical wood pulp, soda or sulphate
- 47.04 Chemical wood pulp, sulphite
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Chapter 48

- 48.01 Newsprint
- 48.02 Uncoated writing paper
- 48.03 Toilet or facial tissue
- 48.04 Uncoated kraft paper and paperboard
- 48.05 Other uncoated paper and paperboard

- 48.06 Glazed/translucent papers
- 48.07 Composite paper and paperboard
- 48.08 Corrugated paper and paperboard
- 48.09 Carbon and self-copy paper
- 48.10 Coated paper and paperboard
- 48.11 Paper products coated/surfaced
- 48.13 Cigarette paper
- 48.16 Carbon and self-copy paper (other than 48.09)
- 48.17 Envelopes, letter cards
- 48.18 Toilet paper, tissues, serviettes
- 48.19 Cartons, boxes made of paper
- 48.20 Paper booklets
- 48.21 Paper labels
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