

Clarification on Quantity and Unit of Measure

The Lacey Act Amendments of 2008 require APHIS to collect information on the importation of plant material, using a Plant and Plant Product Declaration (known as the PPQ505). The quantity and unit of measure of the imported plant material must be declared. In an effort to create a uniform dataset, APHIS will no longer accept counts of items (PCS - pieces, No - number, Boxes, etc) as valid units of measure. Counts of items do not adequately address the “quantity of the plant material” required by the Act.(3372.f.1.A.ii) Counts do not allow for differences in size or weight between items, nor do they accurately reflect the actual plant content in a shipment.

Beginning May 1, 2010, APHIS is requiring that plant material quantities be reported on the declaration using standardized metric units (kg, m, m², m³). The values should reflect the actual plant content in the product and not necessarily the product as a whole. (Please see the example below.) In response to industry concerns, APHIS will implement a grace period of two months (ending July 1, 2010) to allow industry to make the needed changes to declaration procedures.

SECTION 2 - Compliance with Lacey Act Requirements (16 U.S.C. 3372(f))					
10. DESCRIPTION OF MERCHANDISE: 1,250 Decorative Wooden Spoons				11. HTSUS NUMBER: (no dashes/symbols) 44190040	
				<input type="checkbox"/> See Attachment	
				12. ENTERED VALUE: (in U.S. Dollars) 1,000,000	
For each article or component of an article, provide the following:					
13. ARTICLE/ COMPONENT OF ARTICLE	14. PLANT SCIENTIFIC NAME: (Genus and Species)	15. COUNTRY OF HARVEST:	16. QUANTITY OF PLANT MATERIAL:	17. UNIT OF MEASURE:	18. % RECYCLED MATERIAL:
Red Oak handle – 1.2” x 2.3”	Quercus rubra	Canada	0.0426	m ³	0
Red Oak handle – 1.2” x 2.3”	Quercus rubra	USA	0.0106	m ³	0
Red Oak knob – 1.2” x 1.2”	Quercus rubra	Canada	0.1482	m ³	0
White Birch bowl – 3” x 4.2”	Betula pubescens	Russian Federation	5.161	m ³	0
White Birch tang – 0.75” x 5”	Betula pubescens	Russian Federation	0.0452	m ³	0
Sugar Maple inlay – 0.1” thick	Acer saccharum	Guatemala	0.132	kg	0
	Acer saccharum	USA	0	kg	0
	Acer saccharum	Canada	0	kg	0
	Acer saccharum	Mexico	0	kg	0