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"News Flash"

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Revised Phase In Schedule for Wood Products Declaration

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has revised the schedule for enforcement of the Wood Products Lacey Act declaration requirement. Some of the Highlights are:

- Certain Products have been removed from Phase III scheduled to begin October 1, 2009
- Phase IV scheduled to begin April 1st, 2010 has been modified
- Goods made of Composite and/or Recycled wood delayed to "No Earlier than" September 1st, 2010
- Comments sought for the addition of products for subsequent phases that would begin on or after 1/1/2010

Phase-In Schedule of Enforcement of the Declaration Requirement for Goods of, or Containing, Plants or Plant Products*

<u>II April 1, 2009</u>	<u>III October 1, 2009</u>	<u>IV April 1, 2010</u>
HTS Chapters: Ch. 44 Headings (wood & articles of wood) 4401—(Fuel wood) 4403—(Wood in the rough) 4404—(Hoopwood; poles, piles, stakes) 4406—(Railway or tramway sleepers) 4407—(Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise) 4408—(Sheets for veneering) 4409—(Wood continuously shaped) 4417—(Tools, tool handles, broom handles) 4418—(Builders' joinery and carpentry of wood)	HTS Chapters: Ch. 44 Headings (wood & articles of wood) 4402—Wood charcoal 4412—Plywood, veneered panels, except 44129906 and 44129957 4414—Wooden frames 4419—Tableware & kitchenware of wood 4420—Wood marquetry, caskets, statuettes PLUS PHASE II	HTS Chapters: Ch. 44 Headings (wood & articles of wood) 4421—Other articles of wood Ch. 66 Headings (umbrellas, walking sticks, riding crops) 6602—Walking sticks, whips, crops Ch. 82 Headings (tools, implements) 8201—Hand tools Ch. 92 Headings (musical instruments) 9201—Pianos 9202—Other stringed instruments Ch. 93 Headings (arms and ammunition) 9302—Revolvers and pistols 93051020—Parts and accessories for revolvers and pistols Ch. 94 Headings (furniture, etc.) 940169—Seats with wood frames Ch. 95 Headings (toys, games, & sporting equipment) 950420—Articles and accessories for billiards Ch. 97 Headings (works of art) 9703—Sculptures PLUS PHASES II & III

* Declaration requirements were effective as of December 15, 2008. All declarations submitted must be accurate; false statements may be referred for enforcement. Failure to submit a declaration will not be prosecuted, and customs clearance will not be denied for lack of a declaration until after the phase-in date above.

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