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LACEY ACT UPDATE – USDA EASES DECLARATION REQUIREMENTS

STA received an email from Malaysia Timber Council (MTC) with regards to Update on Lacey Act. The letter is reproduced below:

Market Alert 0810 dated 13 October 2008 gave notice of the enforcement for initial products affected by the amended Lacey Act with effect from 1 April 2009. Enforcement for wooden furniture is to begin on 1 July 2009.

However, in response to public comments, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) is extending the schedule of phased-in enforcement of the declaration requirement and has provided an updated list of products that fall within each phase. As of now, the following are the phase-in dates and the products that correspond to them:

Present–March 2009 (Phase I)

Plant import declaration form available on USDA Web site; domestic and international outreach will be conducted.

1 April – 30 September 2009 (Phase II)

HTS headings 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), and 4418 (builders' joinery and carpentry of wood).

1 October 2009 – 31 March 2010 (Phase III)

HTS headings 4402 (wood charcoal), 4405 (wood wool [excelsior]), 4410 (particle board), 4411 (fiberboard of wood), 4412 (plywood, veneered panels), 4413 (densified wood), 4414 (wooden frames), 4415 (packing cases, boxes, crates, drums), 4416 (casks, barrels, vats, tubs), 4419 (tableware and kitchenware), 4420 (wood marquetry; caskets; statuettes), 4701 (mechanical wood pulp), 4702 (chemical wood pulp, dissolving), 4703 (chemical wood pulp, sulfate), 4704 (chemical wood pulp, sulfite), and 4705 (combination mechanical and chemical)

1 April – 30 September 2010 (Phase IV)

HTS headings 4421 (articles of wood, not elsewhere specified or included), 4801 (newsprint), 4802 (uncoated writing paper), 4803 (toilet or facial tissue stock), 4804 (uncoated kraft paper), 4805 (other uncoated paper and board), 4806 (vegetable parchment, etc.), 4807 (composite paper and board), 4808 (corrugated paper and board), 4809 (carbon paper), 4810 (coated paper and board), 4811 (paper coated, etc. other than 4803, 4809 or 4810), 9401.69 (seats with wooden frames), 9403.30 (wooden office furniture), 9403.40 (wooden kitchen furniture), 9403.50 (wooden bedroom furniture), 9403.60 (other wooden furniture), 9403.90.70 (wooden furniture parts)

USDA is allowing for comments on these new phases and their corresponding products to be cancelled up till 24 March 2009. The comments are to address the products currently under Phases III and IV, meaning that the possibility exists that changes (either by addition

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Did you know that...

Malaysia was Australia's 4th largest supplier of wood, after New Zealand, Indonesia and China. Australia's wood and paper products industries are important parts of Australia's primary and secondary industry sectors. The industries include hardwood and softwood saw milling, plywood and panels manufacturing, wood chip production and the pulp and paper industries. Wood products are subjected to the Australian Quarantine Inspection Services approval (AQIS) and importation of wood material is subjected to fumigation requirements AQIS.

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HEAT TREATMENT OPERATOR COURSE

International Standard for Phytosanitary Measure No 15 or ISPM 15 is an international standard on guidelines for regulating wood packaging material (WPM) in international trade. Under the ISPM 15 Guidelines, WPM should be treated in accordance with a specific time-temperature

schedule that achieves a minimum wood core temperature of 56 degree Celsius for a minimum of 30 minutes.

Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC), with support from the Crop Protection and Plant Quarantine Services of the Department of Agriculture (CPPQ, DoA)

and the Association will be organising a Heat Treatment Operator Course. The tentative date is 24 - 26 March 2009. For more information, please contact Mr Tan Jui Liah of SFC at 082-610088.

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EXEMPTION FROM MALAYSIAN LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME - REGISTRATION OF HEAT TREATMENT FACILITY

The Plant Protection and Quarantine Division, Department of Agriculture, Kuala Lumpur had agreed to grant exemption to Syarikat Sime-Sirim Technology Sdn Bhd and Wehaya Sdn Bhd. which means that the Department of Agriculture (DoA), Sarawak would recog-

nize the calibration service provided by them for registering heat treatment facility.

However, DoA Sarawak (HQ) has advised these two companies to register with the Malaysian Laboratory Accreditation Scheme (Skim Akreditasi Makmal Malaysia) as when the said Scheme is

fully implemented. DoA Sarawak (HQ) will only recognise calibration done by companies registered with SAMM.

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or deletion) could be made to the products under Phases III and IV. MATRADE will update any further changes to the Lacey Act requirements and deadlines as they occur.

Note:

The Lacey Act requires US importers that import plants and plant products to submit a declaration form containing the scientific name of the plant, the value of the importation, the quantity of the plant and the name of the country from where the plant was harvested. Although the requirement of import declarations is imposed on importers, Malaysian exporters of wood products such as furniture, frames and timber mouldings need to be aware of the requirement. They may be asked by importers to provide the relevant information prior to the shipment of their products to the US.

STIDC'S TRAINING PROGRAMME

The Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) is offering the following training programme for 2009. For further information, please visit STIDC's website at www.pusaka.gov.my or contact:

SARAWAK TIMBER INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Perbadanan Kemajuan Perusahaan Kayu Sarawak
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A. COMPETENCY BASED TRAINING

No	Course Title	Duration	Date *	Course Fee (RM)*
1	Basic Wood Working & Carpentry	10 Weeks	12 Jan. – 20 Mac.	2,400
2	Wood Anatomy & Identification	11 Weeks	16 Mac. - 3 Apr.	500
3	Introduction to Furniture Making Techniques	11 Weeks	1 Apr. - 19 June	2,600
4	Introduction to Wood Carving Techniques	11 Weeks	1 Apr. – 19 June	2,600
5	The Sarawak Log Grading Rules	3 Weeks	13 - 30 Apr. 3 - 21 Aug.	500
6	The Malaysian Grading Rules	7 Weeks	15 Jun - 31 July	1,200
7	Furniture Design & Manufacturing	17 Weeks	1 Jul. - 30 Oct.	3,700
8	Wood Carving Design & Manufacturing	17 Weeks	1 Jul - 30 Oct.	3,700

B. TECHNICAL SHORT COURSE

No	Course Title	Duration	Date *	Course Fee (RM) *
1	Introduction to Sarawak Log Grading Rules	3 Days	21 – 23 Apr.	300
2	Introduction to The Malaysian Grading Rules	3 Days	21 – 23 July	300
3	MGR Refresher	2 Days	1 – 2 July 14 – 15 July	100

* Subject to change

Did you also know that...

According to the annual market forecast by Furniture Today, furniture and bedding sales in the USA are expected to decline another 2 percent in 2009 after falling 9.3 percent in 2008. Business is expected to remain weak for at least the first quarter and there is uncertainty between experts on when exactly sales are expected to return to normal levels. Malaysia exporters must realize that even lowering prices isn't attracting consumer like before. Differentiation of product is key for Malaysia exporters of furniture which consumer currently are looking for more exciting designs

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SEMINAR ON WOODEN FURNITURE INDUSTRY 2009— First Announcement and Call for Papers

The Seminar on Wooden Furniture Industry 2009 is jointly organised by The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM). This Seminar will be held on 4 – 6 August 2009 at the Legend Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

The objectives are:

- To discuss issues in the wooden furniture industry and trade
- To explore, exchange, and update scientific and technological findings, challenges and opportunities related to the wooden furniture industry
- To provide a platform for stakeholders involved with development of the wooden furniture industry to present, discuss, and share their findings and experiences

For more information, please contact:

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Seminar on Wooden Furniture Industry 2009

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