

## OPERATIONS PORTAL

## **U.S. Department of Agriculture**

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The <u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u> (USDA) was implemented to prevent the harmful introduction of plant and animal pathogens into America's system of agriculture and food production.

To ensure its programs and services are responsive to any potential bio-security threat, the USDA created The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). The roles of APHIS include wildlife damage management, the welfare of animals, human health and safety, and ecosystems vulnerable to invasive pests and pathogens.

With the introduction of the <u>Lacey Act</u>, NMG is responsible for ensuring that all wood products are declared properly prior to entry into the U.S. Clear and accurate identification of wood products is required to ensure compliance with this act.

We encourage foreign exporters to review the information in this section and utilize the provided links to gain detailed information and additional guidance. Please note that other requirements may apply to your product. It is important to review all U.S. regulations that may pertain to the product you sell.