

On February 9, 2006, Canada notified the WTO that effective January 18, 2006, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) had revised D-01-01 (11th Revision)(January 18, 2006) to add the genera Ardisia, Euonymus, Gaultheria, Prunus, and Osmanthus to the list of regulated plants on the basis of reports that Phytophthora ramorum (the cause of sudden oak death) has been detected on these plants in Canada. (D-01-01 pertains to the phytosanitary requirements to prevent the entry of Phytophthora ramorum associated with sudden oak death into Canada).

The Canadian WTO notification supersedes G/SPS/N/CAN/157/Rev.10. The genera Prunus includes Prunus serotina, commonly known as black cherry. Black cherry is an important export item for the U.S. wood products industry. Virtually all U.S. exports of cherry logs and lumber are from non-regulated (per the Canadian regulation D-01-01 11th revision) areas of the United States (areas outside selected counties of California and Oregon), and are thus not likely to be restricted (see item 2.3.4 below).

In 2005, U.S. exporters shipped \$50 million of cherry lumber and \$23 million of cherry logs to Canada. U.S. exports of cherry logs and lumber are sourced almost exclusively from the eastern United States. General information on this important species can be found at:
http://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/pubs/silvics_manual/Volume_2/prunus/serotina.htm.

The following has been derived from the Canada Food Inspection Agency website at:
<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveg/protect/dir/d-01-01e.shtml#1.0>.

Canadian regulations, as posted on the Canada CFIA website) require the following for U.S. wood products entering Canada.

2.3.4 Wood Products with Bark from Non-Regulated Areas of the Continental United States.

Under this policy, the importation into Canada of regulated and non-regulated non-manufactured wood products with bark from any non-regulated area of the United States is not restricted unless otherwise specified (please consult:
<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveg/protect/dir/directe.shtml> for additional information).

2.3.5 Wood Products with Bark from Regulated Areas of the Continental United States Regulated Areas in the continental United States include areas of California and Oregon. A Permit to Import is not required.

Untreated non-manufactured wood products with bark of the genera listed in Appendix 1, originating from regulated areas are not permitted entry to Canada.

Regulated non-manufactured wood products with bark may enter Canada provided the wood has undergone heat-treatment to achieve a minimum core temperature of 56°C for a minimum time period of 30 minutes and has a moisture content not exceeding 20 percent. A Phytosanitary Certificate specifying the treatment carried out must accompany the shipment.

Treatment and certification is not required for non-regulated species originating from regulated areas. Other import requirements may apply (please consult
www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveg/protect/dir/directe.shtml for additional information).

Appendix 1: List of Plant Genera Regulated for Phytophthora ramorum (Sudden Oak Death):
<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveg/protect/dir/sodspe.shtml>

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