

Importation of Conifer Timber and Forest Products (with bark attached) into Alberta

Shipments of logs, un-manufactured timber, and forest products with bark attached originating from outside of Alberta may carry potentially destructive forest pests. In light of the mountain pine beetle epidemic in British Columbia, importing pine logs and pine products with bark attached is a serious threat to the sustainability of Alberta's forest resource. Every effort must be taken to prevent introduction of forest pests to Alberta.

The *Timber Management Regulation* controls the importation of logs or other forest products cut from coniferous trees that have bark attached through an approval process.

Section 164.1(1) of the *Timber Management Regulation* states that no person shall import into Alberta logs or other forest products cut from coniferous trees that have bark attached without obtaining the approval in writing of the Minister at least 3 months prior to importation.

Authorization from the Minister to import pine logs or other pine forest products with more than 2% bark attached will not be given. All imported pine must be debarked, and therefore does not require import authorization from the Minister.

See Appendix I for types of forest products requiring import authorization from the Minister.

Import Authorization Request

Prior to importation, authorization from the Minister is required to import conifer logs or other forest products with more than 2% bark attached. This includes but is not limited to logs, cants, slabs and firewood.

The application for authorization from the Minister should be forwarded to the Director of the Forest Business Branch, Land and Forest Division in Edmonton. The application must include the following information about the shipment:

- ☞ Species;
- ☞ Product description;
- ☞ Approximate volume/number of pieces;
- ☞ Shipment origin;
- ☞ Point of entry;

- ⊘# Destination;
- ⊘# Date of entry; and
- ⊘# Reason for import.

Where appropriate, authorization from the Minister to import conifer logs or forest products with more than 2% bark attached will be issued, containing specific shipment information and any other appropriate conditions.

Required Documentation for Imported Shipments

All shipments of conifer logs or forest products with more than 2% bark attached imported to, or transported through Alberta require the accompanying documentation:

1. Written authorization from the Minister to import conifer logs or forest products with more than 2% bark attached timber or forest products (as per Section 164.1(1) of the *Timber Management Regulation*);
2. Required transportation records (as per Section 118 of the *Timber Management Regulation*). See Appendix I

Enforcement

Unauthorized shipments will be turned back by the Forest Officer.

Unauthorized shipments found by Alberta Transportation, Transport Inspectors at weigh scales or while on mobile patrol, can be detained by the Transport Inspector, who will contact the nearest Land and Forest Division office to have a Forest Officer (or Ex-officio Forest Officer) order the load sent back out of Alberta.

Before ordering the shipment back, the Forest Officer will consider the following:

If an unauthorized shipment is pine, and is found **within** Alberta during the beetle flight period (June 1 – Sept. 30), there may be a high risk of sending the shipment back to its point of origin. In this case, the Forest Officer should detain the shipment until it can be thoroughly inspected for mountain pine beetle by a Forest Health Officer. If the pine does not contain mountain pine beetle, the Forest Officer will order the load sent back. If the pine does contain mountain pine beetle, the inspection information will be documented, and the Minister has the authority (under Section 28 of the Forest and Prairie Protection Act) to carry out any control measures to destroy the beetles.

See Appendix II for Land and Forest Division contact information.

Appendix I

FOREST PRODUCTS REQUIRING IMPORT AUTHORIZATION			
*SPECIES	PRODUCT (e.g. logs, cants, slabs, firewood)	IMPORT AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED	REGULATION
Conifer	Debarked	No	Timber management regulation Section 164.1(1)
	More than 2% bark attached	Yes	Timber management regulation Section 164.1(1)
Deciduous	Any product	No	Timber management regulation Section 164.1(1)

*Transportation records are required for all forest products being hauled into Alberta (as per Section 118 of the *Timber Management Regulation*), that includes the following information:

- ⌘ Vehicle's license plate number;
- ⌘ Kind of product being transported;
- ⌘ Number of trees or logs and the species (in the case of unprocessed lumber);
- ⌘ Number of pieces, dimensions and volume of the product (in the case of processed timber products);
- ⌘ Shipper's or vendor's name address and the receiver's name and address; and
- ⌘ Legal land description of the wood's origin.

This is in the form of an invoice, haul form etc...

Appendix II

Land and Forest Division Contact Information

Provincial Contact

LAND & FOREST - Edmonton – 780-427-8474 (Mike Undershultz)

Athabasca Office

LAND & FOREST - Area Office - 780-675-8168

Blairmore Office

LAND & FOREST - Area Office - 403-562-3210

Bonnyville Office

LAND & FOREST - Area Office - 780-826-5608

Calgary Office

LAND & FOREST - Area Office - 403-297-8800

Drayton Valley Office

LAND & FOREST - Brazeau Forest Area Office - 780-542-6616

Edmonton Office

LAND & FOREST - Forest Management - 780-427-8474

Edson Office

LAND & FOREST - Area Office - 780-723-8269

Footner Lake Office

LAND & FOREST - Area Office - 780-926-5400

Fort Assiniboine Office

LAND & FOREST - Area Office - 780-584-3774

Fort Chipewyan Office

LAND & FOREST - Area Office - 780-697-3762

Fort McMurray Office

LAND & FOREST - Area Office - 780-743-7120

Fort Vermilion Office

LAND & FOREST - Area Office - 780-927-3235

Fox Creek Office

LAND & FOREST - Area Office - 780-622-3921

Grande Cache Office

LAND & FOREST - Area Office - 780-827-3626

Grande Prairie Office

LAND & FOREST - Area Office - 780-538-8080

High Prairie Office

LAND & FOREST - Area Office - 780-523-6501

Hines Creek Office

LAND & FOREST - Area Office - 780-494-3600

Hinton Office

LAND & FOREST - Area Office - 780-865-8267

Lac La Biche Office

LAND & FOREST - Area Office - 780-623-5240

Manning Office

LAND & FOREST - Area Office - 780-836-2881

Nojack Office

LAND & FOREST - Area Office - 780-795-3940

Nordegg Office

LAND & FOREST - Area Office - 403-721-3965

Peace River Office

LAND & FOREST - Area Office - 780-624-6456

Rainbow Lake Office

LAND & FOREST - Area Office - 780-956-3919

Rocky Mountain House Office

LAND & FOREST - Clearwater District Office - 403-845-8272

Slave Lake Office

LAND & FOREST - Area Office - 780-849-7400

Sundre Office

LAND & FOREST - Area Office - 403-638-3805

Swan Hills Office

LAND & FOREST - Area Office - 780-333-2811

Turner Valley Office

LAND & FOREST - Area Office - 403-933-4381

Valleyview Office

LAND & FOREST - Area Office - 780-524-3567

Wabasca Office

LAND & FOREST - Area Office - 780-891-3860

Wandering River Office

LAND & FOREST - Area Office - 780-771-3747

Whitecourt Office

LAND & FOREST - Area Office - 780-778-7153

Land and Forest Division Forest Health Officers:

Daniel Lux – Rocky Mountain House Office

Erica Mueller – Hinton Office

Mike Maximchuk – Peace River Office

Tom Hutchison – Athabasca Office