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May 22, 2003

Mr. Bob Clark
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Dear Mr. Clark:

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 and high populations elsewhere, importing and transporting infested pine logs and pine products is a serious threat to the sustainability of Alberta's forest resource. Ministerial Order 12/2003 prohibits the transport of logs and forest products of the pine species (*pinus*) with bark within Alberta from June 1st – October 1st.

This Order applies to pine cut from the Province of British Columbia, Banff National Park, the Cypress Hills area of the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan and the following States: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

The importation of un-manufactured conifer forest products with bark is regulated year-round by Section 164.1(1) of the *Timber Management Regulation*, stating that “no person shall import into Alberta coniferous logs or other forest products that have bark attached without obtaining the approval in writing of the Minister at least 3 months prior to importation.”

Enclosed is Ministerial Order 12/2003, details on regulated forest products and the application form to import conifer forest products with bark to Alberta.

Please feel free to distribute this information. Your co-operation in preventing the introduction of forest pests to Alberta is greatly appreciated. For more information contact Mike Undershultz (780-422-1508, mike.undershultz@gov.ab.ca).

Sincerely,

Original signed by

D. (Doug) A. Sklar
Executive Director
Forest Management Branch

Attachment

Application Form to Import Conifer Logs or Forest Products with Bark Attached

Date (dd/mm/yy): ____/____/____

Importer Information:

Company Name: _____

Individual Contact Name: _____

Street Address/Box #: _____ City/Town: _____

Province/State: _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____ Email: _____

Receiver Name (if different from importer): _____

Description of Imported Product:

Tree Species: Pine ☐ Spruce ☐ Douglas fir ☐ Cedar ☐ Other _____

Product Description: _____

Volume or Number of Logs/Pieces and Dimensions): _____

Harvest Location/Wood Origin: _____

Importation Information:

Point(s) of Entry (hwy # or port name): _____

Destination: _____

Date(s) of Entry: _____

Reason for Import: _____

Supplier/Vendor Information:

Name (company or individual): _____

Street Address/Box #: _____ City/Town: _____

Province/State: _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mail application to: Executive Director, Forest Business Branch
Land and Forest Division
9920-108 Street, Edmonton, Alberta
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Regulated Forest Product Checklist

Section 164.1 of the *Forests Act, Timber Management Regulation*:

- (1) 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.
- (2) The Minister may withhold his approval if in his opinion the importation of the product referred to in subsection (1) could cause or increase the damage to forest growth by insect or disease.
- (3) The Minister may restrict or prohibit the transportation within Alberta of logs or other forest products cut from coniferous trees that have bark attached if in the opinion of the Minister the movement of the products could cause or increase the damage to forest growth by insects or disease.

Forest Product Description	Import Authorization Required as per Sec 164.1(1)
Coniferous log, cant or slab with >2% bark	Yes
Coniferous rough lumber with >2% bark	Yes
Coniferous firewood with >2% bark	Yes
Coniferous logs or forest products with <2% bark	No
Coniferous planed lumber with >2% bark	No
Deciduous logs or forest products with or without bark	No
Christmas trees	No
Seedlings	No
Horticultural material	No
Any product treated with wood preservative	No

Definitions:

Cant – a log approximately squared on two or more sides.

Horticultural material – rooted plants, shrubs, and trees of all species intended for landscaping.

Planed – finished lumber that has a uniformly flat surface on all sides and does not measure to a nominal set of dimensions (e.g. 1.5”x 3.5”).

Rough – unfinished lumber that has been cut to a nominal set of dimensions (e.g. 2”x 4”).

Seedling – young coniferous tree intended for forest regeneration.

Slab – the outside parts of a log that are removed when the opening faces of a log are cut to produce a cant.

ALBERTA SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

FORESTS ACT
R.S.A. 2000, c. F-22

MINISTERIAL ORDER

12/2003

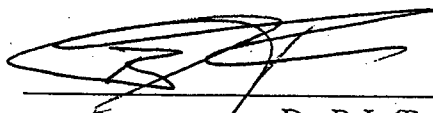
**PROHIBITION OF THE TRANSPORTATION WITHIN ALBERTA
OF CERTAIN FOREST PRODUCTS ORDER**

As the movement in Alberta of certain coniferous forest products could cause or increase damage to forest growth by insects or disease, specifically the Mountain Pine Beetle (*Dendroctonus ponderosae*, Hopkins), I, Dr. R.J. (Bob) Fessenden, Deputy Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, pursuant to section 164.1(3) of the Timber Management Regulation, AR 60/73 as amended from time to time, **HEREBY PROHIBIT** the transportation within Alberta of logs and forest products of the pine (*Pinus*) species with bark attached.

THIS ORDER applies to the transportation of said logs and forest products originating or cut from trees located in the Province of British Columbia, Banff National Park, the Cypress Hills area of the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan and the following States: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

THIS ORDER comes into effect on June 1, 2003 and shall remain in effect until 12:01 o'clock a.m. on October 1, 2003.

DATED at the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, this 17th day of April, 2003.



Dr. R.J. (Bob) Fessenden
Deputy Minister
Sustainable Resource Development