

## **CITES RESTRICTIONS FOR BIGLEAF MAHOGANY (*SWIETENIA MACROPHYLLA*)**

All importations of logs, lumber, plywood and veneer of *Swietenia macrophylla* (Bigleaf Mahogany) must comply with the regulations set forth in Title 50 CFR parts 23 and 24, and Title 7 CFR 355. Those requirements include, but are not limited to, the following:

Shipments of logs, lumber, plywood or veneers of *Swietenia macrophylla* CITES regulated materials may enter only at an approved designated port (see 50 CFR part 24 and/or <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/permits/cites> for details).

A shipment of logs, lumber, plywood or veneers of *Swietenia macrophylla* imported from a country in the Neotropics (Mexico, Central and South America and the Caribbean), must be accompanied by an original, valid CITES export permit that was issued by the CITES Management Authority of the exporting country.

A shipment of logs, lumber, plywood or veneers of *Swietenia macrophylla* that originated in the Neotropics, but which is being imported into the United States from a country other than the country of origin, must be accompanied by a CITES re-export certificate issued by the CITES Management Authority of the re-exporting country.

Businesses in the United States which import, export or reexport logs, lumber, plywood or veneers of *Swietenia macrophylla* must possess a valid General Permit to Engage in the Business of Importing, Exporting, or Re-Exporting Terrestrial Plants (PPQ Form 622) issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine Permit Unit.

Shipments of imported, exported or reexported *Swietenia macrophylla* must comply with marketing, notification, and/or mail requirements described in 7 CFR 355.20 or 355.21.

CITES import documents must be surrendered for validation at the time of entry into the United States to the Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection - Agriculture Quarantine Inspection (CBP-AQI) as described in 7 CFR 355.22.

Importers of logs, lumber, plywood or veneers of *Swietenia macrophylla* should also supply additional copies of the CITES document to CBP-AQI. A copy of the CITES export document, validated by CBP-AQI, will be returned to the importer for his/her records provided the shipment and permits are in compliance with CITES.

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