

USDA Announces Changes in Requirements for the Importation of Quarry Products From Canada Into the United States

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently changed the requirements for importing Canadian quarry products into the United States. The change will require additional documentation for the affected shipments. USDA provides that the new regulations are an attempt to slow the increasing range of the tree-damaging gypsy moth, which currently occur in eastern North America, and are moving westward.

The new regulations apply to limestone, marble, slate, granite, and any Canadian quarry product other than gravel or sand.

If one of these affected commodities originates in a Canadian province where the gypsy moth is present and is destined to one of the U.S. states that is not infested with gypsy moth, each shipment requires documentation issued by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA/ACIA). Specifically, either an original Canadian Phytosanitary Certificate (CFIA 1327) or a Movement Certificate (CFIA/ACIA Form 0108). Either form must have the following declaration: "The product is free from gypsy moth."

USDA provides that the additional documentation is also required for shipments transiting through a non-infested state en route to an infested state.

Areas of Canada infested with gypsy moth

The provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, and Quebec.

U.S. states not infested with gypsy moth

Any U.S. state except Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

For information on how to acquire the appropriate certificates, contact the Canadian Food Inspection Agency/ Agence canadienne d'inspection des aliments (CFIA/ACIA) at 613-225-2342.

If you have questions regarding this matter, contact your nearest U.S. Customs and Border Protection office and ask to speak to an Agriculture Specialist.

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