

## **CBP Delays Enforcement of Lacey Act Plant Declaration Requirement for Truck and Rail Shipments**

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published a notice on their website this morning to inform the trade that electronic submission of the required plant declaration data elements under the Lacey Act will be accepted beginning April 1, 2009. However, enforcement of the data collection requirement will begin May 1, 2009. The 30-day delay is intended to give the government time to complete integrating the declaration requirements into CBP's expedited border release programs. Any delay of subsequent enforcement phases is not expected.

In the notification, CBP states that they expect and urge most importers to use the electronic system to file the declaration, and encourages importers to use the 30-day delay for live testing of the electronic system. The data collected during this time will help determine if any refinements to the electronic system are needed.

The CBP announcement of the enforcement delay can be viewed in its entirety online at:

[http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/trade\\_programs/cargo\\_summary/laws/food\\_energy/amended\\_lacey\\_act/guidance\\_lacey\\_act.xml](http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/trade_programs/cargo_summary/laws/food_energy/amended_lacey_act/guidance_lacey_act.xml)

For additional information about the Lacey Act Plant Declaration, including a table showing the affected products and current implementation schedule, please refer to our *NGJ International Trade Update* published on March 6, 2009 at: <http://www.ngjensen.com/news/itu/2009-03-06-01.pdf>.

We will continue to update any new information regarding the Lacey Act when it becomes available.

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### **LACEY ACT TELECONFERENCE / WEBINAR**

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The next scheduled webinars are Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

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- Respond to upcoming changes to U.S. import requirements!
- Obtain CBP/Lacey Act compliant clearances for your export shipments prior to importation!
- Reduce the likelihood of expensive and time-consuming paper processes!
- Increase your accuracy with electronic profiles!

**Registration Fee:** \$25 (USD) for each call in location (telephone line). Completed online registration and payment must be received no later than four hours before the start time of conference.

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**How to Register:** Visit <http://www.ngjensen.com/laceyseminar.php> to select the session and transfer to our event registration service. You will be guided through the registration and payment process. Please note that each session will be limited to 100 participants.

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