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Dear AWW Symposium Vendor and Attendees:

Welcome to the state of Pennsylvania! We are excited that you have chosen to gather in our great state for your 2015 Symposium. Pennsylvania is the largest hardwood producer in the United States. Many of us here work hard at protecting this resource from the threat of invasive plant pests, including those easily transported on wood and wood products. The AAW, with its proactive mission to help protect America's agriculture and natural resources from these pests, is to be commended on its commitment to helping in this effort.

To this end, we want to share with you the information you may require to safely and smoothly bring your unprocessed wood and wood products into Pennsylvania from either domestic or in some cases, international origins. The attached fact sheet is intended to help in this process. The sheet contains websites and other fact sheets that will help you meet all requirements should it be necessary. Each of you will have differing needs and questions based on where you start your travel and the items you plan to import/export. The websites will help with your planning.

As questions arise, contact information is available on each website. If you still have unanswered questions, feel free to contact my office at 717-241-2465. We will direct your question to the appropriate agency and help to facilitate the process. Likewise, Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) will attempt to have employees onsite during the Symposium to help answer any questions you might have.

Again, thanks for choosing Pennsylvania for your 2015 Symposium. We look forward to having you in our state.

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TRANSPORTATION OF WOOD

AAW 2015 Symposium - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Movement of Wood and Wood Products

Wood and wood products coming into the United States or moving across state lines may be regulated at the federal and/or state level because they could contain plant pests, come from endangered trees, or be the product of trafficking in illegal plants. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) urges AAW Symposium participants to learn the requirements for bringing their wood and wood products into the United States. We need your help to protect the environment and value of our state's resources and to help preserve plant biodiversity around the world.

International AAW Symposium Participants

AAW Symposium attendees originating from an international location should visit the website of the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to determine federal requirements for entering your wood and wood products. First visit APHIS website at www.aphis.usda.gov, then navigate to the "[Plant Import Information](#)" page.

1. On the home page, click the "Imports and Exports" link under the "Popular topics" header.
2. On the "Imports and Exports" page, click the "Importing into the U. S." link under the "Plants" sub header.

On the "Plant Import Information" page, click the following links for import information relevant to wood turners:

- [Craft Industries](#)
- [Endangered Plant Species \(CITES\)](#)
- [Plant and Products covered by the Lacey Act](#)
- [Wood Packaging Materials](#)

If you have questions regarding the importation of wood and wood products into the United States, please call APHIS Permit Services at (301) 851-2046, or toll free at (877)770-5990. Questions can also be emailed to Permits@aphis.usda.gov.

AAW Symposium Participants Traveling within the United States

People traveling within the United States to Pennsylvania should be aware of any federal and/or state quarantines that may apply to wood and wood products. Contact your local APHIS office to learn about domestic federal quarantines. For contact information, visit “[USDA State offices](#)” and click on your state from the list.

For state quarantine information, please contact your State Department of Agriculture. Contact information can be found on the National Plant Board website at <http://nationalplantboard.org/membership/> .

All AAW Symposium Participants

When leaving the Symposium, attendees and vendors should be aware that your destination state/country may have entry requirements that you will need to meet. We strongly advise attendees to reach out to the intended State Department of Agriculture or the wood regulatory agency in your country of destination to determine the regulatory requirements for the movement of wood and wood products into that state or country.

Lastly, each attendee who may have need of any of these services is encouraged to begin this process early to ensure its completion prior to your travels. This is particularly important relative to leaving Pennsylvania and returning home. This will ensure not only a smooth entry into Pennsylvania, but a trouble-free return to your destination with all your valuable wood products.

NOTE: Specific to Pennsylvania is the Thousand Cankers Disease quarantine.

This quarantine restricts movement of *Juglans* spp. into Pennsylvania from states with Thousand Cankers Disease. A limited movement permit is required from Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) prior to bringing any walnut species into the state. Please contact Dana Rhodes at danrhodes@pa.gov [D:\mail\attach\danrhodes@pa.gov](mailto:danrhodes@pa.gov) if you have questions regarding walnut restrictions.