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******MUST READ**** - Recent DAFF/Quarantine Updates
Illegal Logging Requirements - "Importers Responsible for Documented Due Diligence System" -
(this also includes goods made from timber such as paper products)**

Dear Customers,

We wish to advise you of the following Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) updates.

Increase in Quarantine Fees

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry have completed a review of their fees for their biosecurity and regulatory activities and decided to increase their fees.

The increase will be \$5.00 (Nil GST) per Customs Entry. This increase will be included with existing fees in the EEPC Charge line shown on our invoice.

The increase will be effective as of the 1st of July 2023.

Illegal Logging

DAFF has asked us to remind importers about their responsibility regarding Illegal Logging Regulations.

We have been advised by DAFF/Quarantine that importers will be requested by the Department directly, to provide their documented due diligence system for regulated timber imports over the next 12 months and on an ongoing basis more regularly.

What products does this include: this is just a brief list of products (see attached for the full list of HS codes & their descriptions)

- Any goods containing timber or timber products
- Tissue and paper pulp
- Paper products ie A4 paper
- Furniture incl cabinetry made from MDF
 - o Prefabricated homes that contain MDF cabinetry
- Chipboard
- Plywood Flooring

Please click on the below link to see a step-by-step guide for importer due diligence responsibilities and how you can prepare your documentation. Importers must provide this, not freight forwarders or customs brokers.

[Due diligence for importers - DAFF \(agriculture.gov.au\)](https://www.agriculture.gov.au/daff/illegal-logging)

There are some exceptions to these requirements as per the below link.
<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-land/forestry/policies/illegal-logging/importers/regulated-timber-products>

Thank you,

Auscus Team

Regulated Timber Products – Summary of tariff codes

<i>The tariff codes listed below are correct as of March 2022</i> Item	Code	Description
1	4403	Wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or sapwood, or roughly squared
2	4407	Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or end-jointed, of a thickness exceeding 6 mm
3	4408	Sheets for veneering (including those obtained by slicing laminated wood), for plywood or for similar laminated wood and other wood, sawn lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded, spliced or end-jointed, of a thickness not exceeding 6 mm
4	4409.10.00	Wood (including strips and friezes for parquet flooring, not assembled) continuously shaped (tongued, grooved, rebated, chamfered, v-jointed, beaded, moulded, rounded or the like) along any of its edges, ends or faces, whether or not planed, sanded or end-jointed: - coniferous
4a	4409.22.00	Wood (including strips and friezes for parquet flooring, not assembled) continuously shaped (tongued, grooved, rebated, chamfered, v-jointed, beaded, moulded, rounded or the like) along any of its edges, ends or faces, whether or not planed, sanded or end-jointed: -Of tropical wood
5	4409.29.00	Wood (including strips and friezes for parquet flooring, not assembled) continuously

		shaped (tongued, grooved, rebated, chamfered, v-jointed, beaded, moulded, rounded or the like) along any of its edges, ends or faces, whether or not planed, sanded or end-jointed: -non-coniferous--other.
6	4410	Particle board, oriented strand board (osb) and similar board (for example, waferboard) of wood or other ligneous materials, whether or not agglomerated with resins or other organic binding substances
7	4411	Fibreboard of wood or other ligneous materials, whether or not bonded with resins or other organic substances
8	4412	Plywood, veneered panels and similar laminated wood
9	4413.00.00	Densified wood, in blocks, plates, strips or profile shapes