

Avery Dennison ADvantage: Complete Compliance

Compliance Quick Facts Sheet

U.S. Lacey Act

The Lacey Act is a U.S. federal law designed to prevent trafficking in certain wildlife, fish, and plants. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) administers the law.

Legislative amendments in 2008 expanded the scope of the Lacey Act to a broad range of plant products, including wood and paper products. The Lacey Act makes it unlawful to import, export, transport, sell, receive, acquire, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce any plant taken in violation of U.S. or foreign laws. This is intended to prevent trade in illegally harvested lumber, as well as products made from it.

Under Lacey Act requirements, importers submit a declaration at the time of importation for covered plants and plant products. Covered plants and plant products include paper and articles of paper, as well as wood and articles of wood. The information necessary for the declaration includes:

- Scientific name of the plant, value of the importation, quantity of the plant, name of the country from where the plant was harvested, and other information; and
- For paper and paperboard products containing recycled content, the average percent of recycled content without regard for species or country of harvest.

APHIS is phasing in the declaration requirements. For paper products, the requirements are not yet in force, but will be implemented in the future. Also, there is an exemption for plants and plant products used exclusively as packing material to support, protect, or carry another item including (but not limited to) instruction manuals, labels, pallets and crating, etc.

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Avery Dennison Product Compliance

Avery Dennison's product compliance experts screen all of our raw materials for potential applicability of Lacey Act requirements. Avery Dennison works with suppliers and customers as necessary to ensure that any plant-based products are sourced in compliance with Lacey Act requirements and to provide any required declarations. Avery Dennison is monitoring the ongoing implementation of the requirements, particularly to stay aware of activities related to the eventual enforcement of Lacey Act requirements for paper and paper products.

Information on the U.S. Lacey requirements is available at:

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/import-information/SA_Lacey_Act

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