

**HMRC/FORESTRY COMMISSION IMPORT CONTROL REQUIREMENTS (October 2013)**

<b><u>Type of Wood</u></b> (Controlled Timber – see list of relevant CN Codes on page 2)	<b><u>Require PH28 certificate when originating in:</u></b>	<b><u>Does not require PH28 certificate when originating in:</u></b>
All Conifers (Coniferae) including European redwood, European whitewood, Maritime pine, Spruce, Pine, Fir (SPF), Cedar (Western Red Cedar, Eastern White Cedar wood) Hemlock, Balsam Fir (Hemfir), Southern Yellow Pine	All third countries including Kazakhstan, Russia & Turkey	
<b><u>Bark free conifer wood</u></b> Conifer wood (incl the above) declared as “bark-free”	All non-European Third countries including Kazakhstan, Russia & Turkey	European third countries other than Kazakhstan, Russia & Turkey
<b><u>Maple (Acer Saccharum)</u></b> Including wood intended for the production of veneer sheets (Hard Maple, Sugar Maple, Rock Maple)	USA/Canada	All third countries except USA/Canada
<b><u>Oak (Quercus) including Red oak, White oak plus - Oregon Maple (Acer Macrophyllum) Tanbark Oak (Lithorarpus densiflorus) Horse Chestnut or Buckeye (Aesculus californica) Yew (Taxus Brevifolia) for P.ramorum measures</u></b>	USA	All third countries except USA
<b><u>Sweet Chestnut (Castanea)</u></b> Unless wood is declared as bark-free	PH28 required from all third countries	
<b><u>Plane (Platanus)</u></b>	All third countries including Kazakhstan, Russia & Turkey	
<b><u>Poplar/Aspen (Populus)</u></b> (Cottonwood, Western Balsam, Black Cottonwood)	The American continent	All third countries except the American continent
Ash ( <i>Fraxinus</i> ) including Mandschurin walnut ( <i>Juglans mandschrica</i> ), David Elm ( <i>Ulmus davidiana</i> ), Chinese or Lace Bark Elm ( <i>Ulmus parvifolia</i> ) Japanese Wing Nut ( <i>Ptercarya rhoifolia</i> )	Canada, China, Japan, Mongolia, Republic of Korea, Russia, Russia, Taiwan and USA	All third countries except Canada, China, Japan, Mongolia, Republic of Korea, Russia, Russia, Taiwan and USA
Any controlled timber classed as S4S, D4S,CLS CLR	See note footnote below	See footnote below

Footnote: for S4S, D4S,CLS CLR standards: Most recent advice from the Forestry Commission states: “Controlled timber species meeting these standards still require PHF28 clearance. Planing on all four sides is not a recognised control measure and therefore planed **controlled timber** is still subject to a plant health inspection.” i.e: if the invoice shows S4S, D4S,CLS , CLR and the species of wood requires a PH28 from the country of origin shown on the invoice and in box 34a clearance must be withheld until one is produced.

**Glossary**

**Third country** means a country or territory, which is not part of the European Union for the purposes of plant health control Switzerland is treated as an EU member State.

**European Third Countries** are countries within Europe but not in the EU ie: Albania, Belarus, Bosnia, \*Bulgaria, Croatia, Georgia, Iceland, FYR Macedonia, Moldova, Norway, Ukraine, \*Romania, Yugoslavia. \*Note: Bulgaria and Romania will join the EU and from the date of accession (date to be confirmed) will become member States.

**American Continent** means North and South America.

**Bark Free** means wood from which all bark (excluding the cambium, ingrown bark around knots and bark pockets between rings of annual growth) has been removed.

**Plant Health Movement Documents:** Special arrangements exist whereby the Plant protection and Customs Services in two member States may agree, either on a case by case basis or for a particular commodity type, that consignments may be subject to a plant health documentary check, only, in the member State of first entry into the Community, with the identity and physical examination being carried out in the member State of destination. Such consignments must be accompanied by a 'Plant Health Movement Document' (see example at Appendix 1). No such arrangements have been agreed between the UK and any other member states.

### Controlled Timber CN Codes

CN code	<u>Commodity Description</u>
4401 10 00	Fuel wood, in logs, in billets, in twigs, in faggots or in similar forms (includes isolated bark), <b>of coniferous wood and wood of oak (<i>Quercus</i>), maple (<i>Acer saccharum</i> &amp; <i>Acer macrophyllum</i>), plane (<i>Platanus</i>), poplar/aspens (<i>Populus</i>) and sweet chestnut (<i>Castanea</i>), Ash (<i>Franxinus</i>), Elm (David Elm – <i>Ulmus davidiana</i> and Chinese or Lace Bark Elm – <i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>) Mandshurin Walnut (<i>Juglans mandshurica</i>), Japanese Wing Nut (<i>Pterocarya rhoifolia</i>), Tanbark Oak (<i>Lithocarpus densiflorus</i>), Horse Chestnut/Buckeye (<i>Aesculus californica</i>)</b>
4401 21 00	Coniferous wood, in chips or particles
4401 22 00	Non-coniferous wood, in chips or particles, <b>wood of oak (<i>Quercus</i>), maple (<i>Acer saccharum</i> &amp; <i>Acer macrophyllum</i>), plane (<i>Platanus</i>), poplar/aspens (<i>Populus</i>) and sweet chestnut (<i>Castanea</i>), Ash (<i>Franxinus</i>), Elm (David Elm – <i>Ulmus davidiana</i> and Chinese or Lace Bark Elm – <i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>) Mandshurin Walnut (<i>Juglans mandshurica</i>), Japanese Wing Nut (<i>Pterocarya rhoifolia</i>), Tanbark Oak (<i>Lithocarpus densiflorus</i>), Horse Chestnut/Buckeye (<i>Aesculus californica</i>)</b>
ex 4401 30 40	Sawdust, <b>not</b> agglomerated into logs, briquettes or similar forms (excluding pellets) <b>of coniferous wood and wood of oak (<i>Quercus</i>), maple (<i>Acer saccharum</i> &amp; <i>Acer macrophyllum</i>), plane (<i>Platanus</i>), poplar/aspens (<i>Populus</i>) and sweet chestnut (<i>Castanea</i>), Ash (<i>Franxinus</i>), Elm (David Elm – <i>Ulmus davidiana</i> and Chinese or Lace Bark Elm – <i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>) Mandshurin Walnut (<i>Juglans mandshurica</i>), Japanese Wing Nut (<i>Pterocarya rhoifolia</i>), Tanbark Oak (<i>Lithocarpus densiflorus</i>), Horse Chestnut/Buckeye (<i>Aesculus californica</i>) –</b>
ex 4401 30 80	Wood waste and scrap, <b>not</b> agglomerated in logs, briquettes, pellets or similar forms (excluding sawdust and pellets), <b>of coniferous wood and wood of oak (<i>Quercus</i>), maple (<i>Acer saccharum</i> &amp; <i>Acer macrophyllum</i>), plane (<i>Platanus</i>), poplar/aspens (<i>Populus</i>) and sweet chestnut (<i>Castanea</i>), Ash (<i>Franxinus</i>), Elm (David Elm – <i>Ulmus davidiana</i> and Chinese or Lace Bark Elm – <i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>) Mandshurin Walnut (<i>Juglans mandshurica</i>), Japanese Wing Nut (<i>Pterocarya rhoifolia</i>), Tanbark Oak (<i>Lithocarpus densiflorus</i>), Horse Chestnut/Buckeye (<i>Aesculus californica</i>)</b>
4403 10 00	Wood in the rough, treated with paint, stains, creosote or other preservatives, not stripped of bark or sapwood, or roughly squared, <b>of coniferous wood and wood of oak (<i>Quercus</i>), maple (<i>Acer saccharum</i> &amp; <i>Acer macrophyllum</i>), plane (<i>Platanus</i>), poplar/aspens (<i>Populus</i>) and sweet chestnut (<i>Castanea</i>), Ash (<i>Franxinus</i>), Elm (David Elm – <i>Ulmus davidiana</i> and Chinese or Lace Bark Elm – <i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>) Mandshurin Walnut (<i>Juglans mandshurica</i>), Japanese Wing Nut (<i>Pterocarya rhoifolia</i>), Tanbark Oak (<i>Lithocarpus densiflorus</i>), Horse Chestnut/Buckeye (<i>Aesculus californica</i>)</b>

4403 20	Coniferous wood in the rough, other than treated with paint, stains, creosote or other preservatives, whether or not stripped of bark or sapwood, or roughly squared
4403 91	Oak wood ( <i>Quercus</i> spp.) in the rough, other than treated with paint, stains, creosote or other preservatives, whether or not stripped of bark of sapwood, or roughly squared
ex 4403 99	Non-coniferous wood (other than tropical wood specified in subheading note 1 to Chapter 44 or other tropical wood), in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or sapwood, or roughly squared, not treated with paint, stains, creosote or other preservatives, <b>wood of oak (<i>Quercus</i>), maple (<i>Acer saccharum</i> &amp; <i>Acer macrophyllum</i>), plane (<i>Platanus</i>), poplar/aspen (<i>Populus</i>) and sweet chestnut (<i>Castanea</i>), Ash (<i>Franxinus</i>), Elm (David Elm – <i>Ulmus davidiana</i> and Chinese or Lace Bark Elm – <i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>) Mandshurin Walnut (<i>Juglans mandshurica</i>), Japanese Wing Nut (<i>Pterocarya rhoifolia</i>), Tanbark Oak (<i>Lithocarpus densiflorus</i>), Horse Chestnut/Buckeye (<i>Aesculus californica</i>)</b>
ex 4404	Split poles; piles, pickets and stakes of wood, pointed but not sawn lengthwise of coniferous wood and wood of oak ( <i>Quercus</i> ), maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> & <i>Acer macrophyllum</i> ), plane ( <i>Platanus</i> ), poplar/aspen ( <i>Populus</i> ) and sweet chestnut ( <i>Castanea</i> ), Ash ( <i>Franxinus</i> ), Elm (David Elm – <i>Ulmus davidiana</i> and Chinese or Lace Bark Elm – <i>Ulmus parvifolia</i> ) Mandshurin Walnut ( <i>Juglans mandshurica</i> ), Japanese Wing Nut ( <i>Pterocarya rhoifolia</i> ), Tanbark Oak ( <i>Lithocarpus densiflorus</i> ), Horse Chestnut/Buckeye ( <i>Aesculus californica</i> )
4406	Railway or tramway sleepers (cross-ties) of wood of coniferous wood and wood of oak ( <i>Quercus</i> ), maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> & <i>Acer macrophyllum</i> ), plane ( <i>Platanus</i> ), poplar/aspen ( <i>Populus</i> ) and sweet chestnut ( <i>Castanea</i> ), Ash ( <i>Franxinus</i> ), Elm (David Elm – <i>Ulmus davidiana</i> and Chinese or Lace Bark Elm – <i>Ulmus parvifolia</i> ) Mandshurin Walnut ( <i>Juglans mandshurica</i> ), Japanese Wing Nut ( <i>Pterocarya rhoifolia</i> ), Tanbark Oak ( <i>Lithocarpus densiflorus</i> ), Horse Chestnut/Buckeye ( <i>Aesculus californica</i> )
4407 10	Coniferous wood, sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or end-jointed, of a thickness exceeding 6 mm
4407 91	Oak wood ( <i>Quercus</i> spp.), sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or end-jointed, of a thickness exceeding 6 mm
4407 93	Maple wood ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> and <i>Acer macrophyllum</i> ), planed, sanded; end jointed, whether or not planed or sanded, other sanded, other wood.
ex 4407 99	Non-coniferous wood (other than tropical wood specified in subheading note 1 to Chapter 44 or other tropical wood), sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or end-jointed, of a thickness exceeding 6 mm <b>wood of oak (<i>Quercus</i>), maple (<i>Acer saccharum</i> &amp; <i>Acer macrophyllum</i>), plane (<i>Platanus</i>), poplar/aspen (<i>Populus</i>) and sweet chestnut (<i>Castanea</i>), Ash (<i>Franxinus</i>), Elm (David Elm – <i>Ulmus davidiana</i> and Chinese or Lace Bark Elm – <i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>) Mandshurin Walnut (<i>Juglans mandshurica</i>), Japanese Wing Nut (<i>Pterocarya rhoifolia</i>), Tanbark Oak (<i>Lithocarpus densiflorus</i>), Horse Chestnut/Buckeye (<i>Aesculus californica</i>)</b>

4415 **	Packing cases, boxes, crates, drums and similar packings, of wood; cable-drums of wood; pallets, box pallets and other load boards, of wood; pallet collars of <b>coniferous wood and wood of oak (<i>Quercus</i>), maple (<i>Acer saccharum</i> &amp; <i>Acer macrophyllum</i>), plane (<i>Platanus</i>), poplar/aspens (<i>Populus</i>) and sweet chestnut (<i>Castanea</i>), Ash (<i>Franxinus</i>), Elm (David Elm – <i>Ulmus davidiana</i> and Chinese or Lace Bark Elm – <i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>) Mandshurin Walnut (<i>Juglans mandshurica</i>), Japanese Wing Nut (<i>Pterocarya rhoifolia</i>), Tanbark Oak (<i>Lithocarpus densiflorus</i>), Horse Chestnut/Buckeye (<i>Aesculus californica</i>)</b>
4416 00 00	Casks, barrels, vats, tubs and other cooperers' products and parts thereof, of wood, including staves of <b>coniferous wood and wood of oak (<i>Quercus</i>), maple (<i>Acer saccharum</i> &amp; <i>Acer macrophyllum</i>), plane (<i>Platanus</i>), poplar/aspens (<i>Populus</i>) and sweet chestnut (<i>Castanea</i>), Ash (<i>Franxinus</i>), Elm (David Elm – <i>Ulmus davidiana</i> and Chinese or Lace Bark Elm – <i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>) Mandshurin Walnut (<i>Juglans mandshurica</i>), Japanese Wing Nut (<i>Pterocarya rhoifolia</i>), Tanbark Oak (<i>Lithocarpus densiflorus</i>), Horse Chestnut/Buckeye (<i>Aesculus californica</i>)</b>
9406 00 20	Prefabricated buildings of wood of <b>coniferous wood and wood of oak (<i>Quercus</i>), maple (<i>Acer saccharum</i> &amp; <i>Acer macrophyllum</i>), plane (<i>Platanus</i>), poplar/aspens (<i>Populus</i>) and sweet chestnut (<i>Castanea</i>), Ash (<i>Franxinus</i>), Elm (David Elm – <i>Ulmus davidiana</i> and Chinese or Lace Bark Elm – <i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>) Mandshurin Walnut (<i>Juglans mandshurica</i>), Japanese Wing Nut (<i>Pterocarya rhoifolia</i>), Tanbark Oak (<i>Lithocarpus densiflorus</i>), Horse Chestnut/Buckeye (<i>Aesculus californica</i>)</b>

### Exceptions and special requirements

**Wood packaging material** which is not actually in use, but is imported as a commodity in its own right (CN 4415) must meet the same rules that apply to sawn wood of the same genera or species (see previous table). Unless there is a declaration that the wood is a not a controlled genera or species the material will be regarded as ‘controlled’ and a PH28 will be required. NB: wood packaging material which has been made wholly from wood based products such as plywood, particle board, oriented strand board (OSB), MDF or veneer is not controlled and does not require PHF28 clearance.

Type of wood/commodity	Origin	Exceptions/Special requirements
<b>Wood of conifers including wood of <i>Thuja L</i> (Western Red Cedar, Eastern White Cedar)</b> Chips, particles, sawdust, shavings, wood waste and scrap. Wood packaging material, not in use	All third countries including Russia, Kazakhstan and Turkey	PH28 required
<b>Wood of conifers</b> Chips, particles, sawdust, shavings, wood waste and scrap. Wood packaging material not in use	European Third countries. Other than Russia, Kazakhstan and Turkey	PH28 required except when wood is declared to be bark-free.
<b>Wood of <i>Libocedrus decurrens</i> Torr (Incense Cedar)</b>  Intended for the manufacture of pencils	Canada, China, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Taiwan or the USA	No PH28 required where there is evidence that the wood has been processed or manufactured for pencils using heat treatment to achieve a minimum temperature of 82°C for a 7 to 8 day period otherwise a PHF28 is required (see controlled wood of conifers)
<b>Maple (<i>Acer saccharum</i>)</b> Chips, particles, sawdust, shavings, wood waste and scrap. Wood packaging material not in use	USA and Canada	PH28 required
<b>Oak (<i>Quercus</i>)</b> Chips, particles, sawdust, shavings, wood waste and scrap. Wood packaging material, not in use	USA	PH28 required
Oak Casks, barrels, vats, tubs and other coopers’ products and parts thereof of wood including staves	USA	No PH28 required where there is evidence (via SAD-H entry code <b>PAR 11</b> ) that the wood has been produced or manufactured

		using heat treatment to achieve a minimum temperature of 176°C for 20 minutes otherwise a PHF28 is required
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Type of wood/commodity	Origin	Exceptions/Special requirements
<b>Plane (<i>Platanus L</i>)</b> Chips, particles, sawdust, shavings, wood waste and scrap. Wood packaging material, not in use.	All third countries including Kazakhstan, Russia & Turkey	PH28 required
<b>Poplar (<i>Populus L</i>)</b> Chips, particles, sawdust, shavings, wood waste and scrap. Wood packaging material, not in use	Any country of the American continent.	PH28 required
<b>Sweet chestnut (<i>Castanea Mill</i>)</b> Chips, particles, sawdust, shavings, wood waste and scrap. Wood packaging material, not in use.	All third countries	No PH28 required if wood is declared to be bark-free. If not bark free a PH28 will be required.
<b>Timber supports “mining props” and other wood products such as railway or tramway sleepers, prefabricated buildings, split poles, piles, pickets, stakes of wood, pointed but not sawn lengthwise.</b>	All third countries	PH28 will be required if goods are produced from a controlled species of wood and originate from a country listed against that species in the main list.
Alder, Tulipwood, Cherry, Soft Maple, Walnut (except Mandshurin walnut), Willow, Hickory, Birch, Beech, Elm (except David, Chinese or Lace Bark Elm) , Basswood “lime”, Yellow poplar (tulip tree), Cedrela Odorata. Any tropical wood. Bamboo, Greenhart Lumber, Meranti wood, Eucalyptus, Rubberwood/, Driftwood, Reclaimed wood, Angelim, Duraflame (briquette firelogs) wood pellets	All third countries	No PHF28 required
<b>Isolated bark of conifers</b>	All third countries	PH28 required
<b>Bark from Ash (<i>Fraxinus</i>)</b> includingMandschurin walnut ( <i>Juglans mandschrica</i> ), David Elm ( <i>Ulmus davidiana</i> ), Chinese or lace Bark Elm ( <i>Ulmus parvifolia</i> ) Japanese Wing Nut ( <i>Pterocarya rhoifolia</i> )	Canada, China, Japan, Mongolia, Republic of Korea, Russia, Russia, Taiwan and USA	PHF28 required
<b>Bark from sweet chestnut (<i>castanea Mill</i>)</b>	All third countries other than Switzerland	Prohibited
<b>Bark from Oak (<i>Quercus</i>) other than <i>Quercus suber L</i></b>	USA, Canada and Mexico	Prohibited
<b>Bark from Maple (<i>Acer saccharum</i>)</b>	USA, Canada and Mexico	Prohibited
<b>Bark from poplar (<i>Populus L</i>)</b>	Any country in the	Prohibited

	American continent.	
<u>Bark from Oak (<i>Quercus</i>) including Red oak, White oak plus - Oregon Maple (<i>Acer Macrophyllum</i>) Tanbark Oak (<i>Lithorarpus densiflorus</i>) Horse Chestnut or Buckeye (<i>Aesculus californica</i>) Yew (<i>Taxus Brevifolia</i>)</u>	USA	Prohibited

### **Wood products that are not controlled**

- Cones for decorative purposes CN 0604
- Sawdust and wood waste and scrap ‘**agglomerated**’ into pellets CN 44013020
- Wood charcoal CN 4402
- Wood wool, wood flour CN 4405
- Veneer sheets and sheets of plywood (not exceeding 6mm in thickness CN 4408
- Wood tongued and grooved, rebated, chamfered or moulded (such as floorboards, decorative mouldings etc) CN 4409
- Particle board and similar boards of wood CN 4410
- Fibreboard (of wood) CN 4411
- Plywood, veneered panels and similar wood CN 4412
- Densified wood CN 4413
- Wooden frames for paintings, mirrors or similar objects CN 4414
- Tools, tool handles, broom handles etc of wood CN 4417
- Builders joinery and carpentry of wood (including doors, windows, stairs, door or window frames, shingles and shakes etc) CN 4418
- Tableware and kitchenware of wood CN 4419
- Wood marquetry and inlaid wood (including ornamental carvings, statuettes, caskets of cases for jewellery of cutlery etc) CN 4420
- Other manufactured articles of wood (including animal housing, coat hangers, oars, coffins, theatrical scenery, fencing panels) CN 4421
- Wooden sauna (electric fired) units CN 8516



**Appendix I**

1. Plant health movement document as referred to in Article 1(3)(c) of Commission Directive 2004/103/EC		<b>2. PLANT HEALTH MOVEMENT DOCUMENT</b> <b>No EC/.../...<sup>(1)</sup></b>	
3. <u>Identification of consignment</u> <sup>(2)</sup> — <i>This consignment contains produce of phytosanitary relevance</i> — Plant, plant product or other object (Taric code): ..... Reference number(s) of required phytosanitary documentation: ..... Country of issue: ..... Date of issue: ..... Distinguishing mark(s), numbers, number of packages, amount (weight/units): ..... Reference number(s) of required customs documentation: .....			
4. Official registration number of importer: ..... I, the undersigned importer, hereby request the responsible official body to carry out the official identity checks and plant health checks of the abovementioned plants, plants or other objects at the approved place of inspection listed below and I undertake to respect the rules and procedures set by the responsible official body. Date, name and signature of importer: .....			
5.1. <u>Point of entry</u> :		5.2. Countersigning by official body of point of entry (date, name, service stamp and signature): .....	
6. <u>Approved place(s) of inspection</u> <sup>(3)</sup> A- ..... B- (replaces A) .....			
The plants, plant products or other objects are moved to the above mentioned place(s) of inspection in accordance with the agreement concluded between <sup>(4)</sup> .....			
The consignment may not be moved to places other than those listed above unless this has been officially approved.			
7. Documentary check <sup>↑</sup>	8. Identity check <sup>↑</sup>	9. Plant health check <sup>↑</sup>	
Place/date: .....	Place/date: .....	Place/date: .....	
Name: .....	Name: .....	Name: .....	
Service stamp/signature	Service stamp/signature	Service stamp/signature	
10. Decision: <sup>↑</sup> Release Place/date: ..... Name: ..... Service stamp / signature: ..... Indicate EC Plant Passport (serial or week or batch) number where appropriate: .....			
<sup>↑</sup> Official measure			
<sup>↑</sup> Refusal of entry		<sup>↑</sup> Destruction	
<sup>↑</sup> Movement outside the Community		<sup>↑</sup> Quarantine period	
<sup>↑</sup> Removal of infected/infested produce		<sup>↑</sup> Appropriate treatment	
Remark: .....			

(1) Make reference to country code / number.

(2) Fill in box or make reference to information on Phytosanitary certificate which must be attached.

(3) Make reference to 'C' (Article 13c(2)(c) of Directive 2000/29/EC) or 'D' (Article 13c(2)(d) of Directive 2000/29/EC).

(4) When appropriate, give details on agreement between Member States' official services, either on a case-by-case agreement or on the basis of a longer-term agreement.