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Plant exports guide—inspection techniques for logs in stockpiles

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Purpose of this document

This document has been written for authorised officers (AOs) as a reference guide on techniques to use when inspecting logs in stockpiles for export.

General notes on inspecting logs

- All presented logs are sampled from stockpiles before loading.
- Logs re-presented for reinspection may be sampled from stockpiles, vessel holds or loaded containers.
- All samples are inspected using suitable equipment.
- A mallet and chisel may be used to lift bark and identify possible infestation.

Before you start

Before starting their inspection, the AO ensures that they:

- check the importing country requirements to determine the requirements for the inspection
- have the correct inspection equipment
- have access to PEMS
- wear appropriate personal protective equipment
- have the current relevant instructional and reference material.

Inspecting logs in stockpiles

The following table illustrates and describes methods of taking samples of logs in stockpiles for inspection.
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<td>Example of logs in stockpiles.</td>
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<td>Inspection of stack</td>
<td>The stockpile or stack is inspected by walking around the entire stockpile or stack.</td>
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<td>Sample selection</td>
<td>The exporter is asked to move samples to an inspection area.</td>
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<td>Inspection of both ends</td>
<td>Both ends of the log samples are visually inspected.</td>
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<td>Use of hammer and chisel</td>
<td>For logs with bark, any semi-attached bark is lifted with a hammer (mallet) or chisel to inspect the area underneath for pests.</td>
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| ![Image](image1.jpg) | **Use of knife**  
A knife can also be used to lift semi-attached bark. |
| ![Image](image2.jpg) | **Pests under bark**  
The area under the bark is inspected for pests. |
| ![Image](image3.jpg) | **Other areas of potential infestation**  
Branch stubs, cracks and holes are probed to dislodge pests, using suitable equipment. |
What does this look like | Description
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Soil | Contaminants, including soil are inspected.

Related material
- Export Control Act 2020
- Export Control (Plants and Plant Products) Rules 2021
- Manual of Importing Country Requirement (Micor – Plants)
- Plant exports operations manual (PEOM)
  - Guideline: Inspection of forest products for export
  - Work Instruction: Inspection of forest products for export
  - Reference: Plant exports guide – equipment
  - Reference: Plant exports guide – specimen collection

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