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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 processed timber products for export, such as:

- plywood
- chipboard
- particleboard
- laminated veneer lumber
- other panel products.

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 processed timber products

The following table illustrates and describes methods of taking samples of processed timber products for inspection.

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<td>The entire consignment, including the exposed sides and ends is visually inspected by walking around, looking for pests or signs of pests and diseases.</td>
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Reference: Plant exports guide—inspection techniques for processed timber products

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<td>Where samples are wrapped in plastic, the exporter is asked to remove the plastic to inspect the timber surfaces.</td>
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<td>The timber surface of all samples is inspected using suitable equipment. If required, the exporter is asked to split the sample before inspecting.</td>
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 | The ends are checked for pest damage.

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: Inspecting forest products for exports
  - Reference: Plant exports guide – equipment
  - Reference: Plant exports guide – specimen collection

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