

Southern Currents



Notice to the Area Port of New Orleans Trade Community

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SUBJECT: Units of Measure for Log, Firewood and Lumber

The United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine has informed CBP that the squared meters (m²) for log, firewood, and lumber must be reported on a monthly basis. Calculation of the squared meters (m²) is as follows:

- (the length in meters) x (the width in meters) = square meters (m²)

Effective immediately, the squared meters (m²) for lumber, logs, and firewood, which are held for agriculture document review must be included in the documents that are sent via fax, mail, etc. to CBP. Failure to submit this information could result in the non-release of shipments of lumber, logs, and firewood that are held for agriculture document review. **You may be contacted to provide the squared meters (m²) for previous shipments that were cleared/released in May 2011 in which only the cubic meters (m³) were provided.** If you have any questions, please contact Supervisory Agriculture Specialist Kendall P. Gaines at 504-896-7700.

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