

Cartiere del Garda statement concerning Lacey Act compliance

The U.S. Lacey Act, amended in May 2008, prohibits the commerce in illegally sourced plants and their products – including timber and wood products. Additionally, this law requires, for some materials, importers to declare the country of origin of harvest and species name of all plants contained in their products entering the U.S.

Cartiere del Garda products that could be subject to the Lacey Act legislation are materials classified under HS Harmonized chapters 48 and 44:

- Ch. 48 headings (paper & articles of), which includes uncoated paper and board, composite paper and board, corrugated paper and board, carbon paper, coated paper and board, and others.
- Ch. 44 headings (wood & articles of), which includes packing cases, boxes, crates, and others.

Since 2009, APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service) agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has been phasing in the Lacey Act declaration requirements. Each new phase has included new different materials of plant products that must comply with the declaration requirements.

Currently, this schedule is active up to Phase VII. You can view the affected products on the official website: [Lacey Act Declaration Implementation Schedule I Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service](#)

At the moment, chapter 48 is not on the list of products that require a special declaration to U.S. authorities. Cartiere del Garda monitors each new phase that APHIS activates.

Materials in group 44 include packaging materials. Packaging materials are however exempt from Lacey Act requirements if they are not the item being imported and are only used to protect the goods in terms of quality preservation and transportation. This is the case for Lecta's goods.

Cartiere del Garda declares that all its products comply with the Lacey Act

Cartiere del Garda guarantees the responsible origin of the wood used to manufacture its products and can document that it comes exclusively from legal, non-conflictive sources, all certified or controlled. Testimony to this is the PEFC and FSC® C011032 multi-site chain-of-custody certifications Cartiere del Garda holds on all its operations and product ranges.

In addition, Cartiere del Garda complies with all the requirements set out by the EU Timber Regulation (Regulation (EU) N° 995/2010) that prohibits trade of illegally harvested timber or products derived from such pulp or paper in the European market.

Regarding the new EUDR Regulation, Cartiere del Garda is already implementing a System of Due Diligence in accordance with EUDR requirements, which also meet the System of Due Diligence requirements of the Lacey Act.

More information on Cartiere del Garda's commitment to sustainability is available at gardacartiere.com