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Plant exports guide—inspection techniques for logs bulk in vessels

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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 bulk logs in vessels 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.

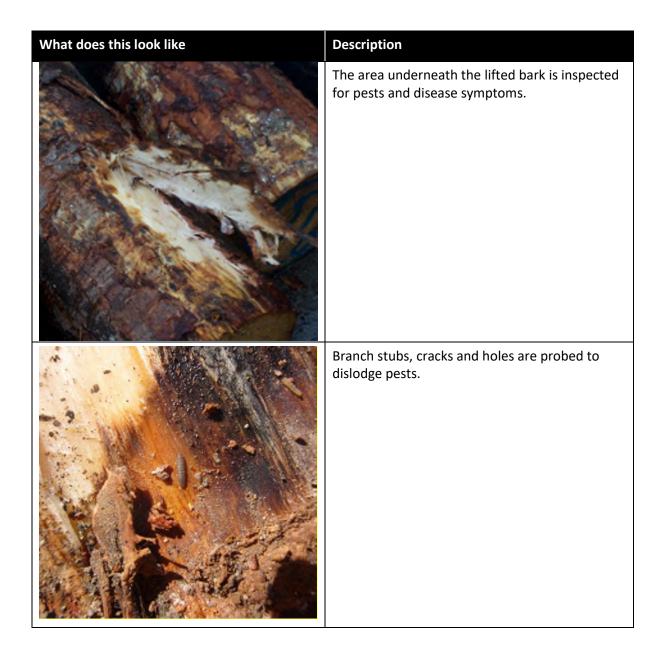
Inspecting logs bulk in vessel

The following table illustrates and describes methods of taking samples of bulk logs in vessels for inspection.

Note: Logs fumigated onboard the vessel are reinspected on the wharf. Refer to the Work Instruction: <u>Inspecting forest products for exports</u> for instructions on sampling.

What does this look like	Description
	The appropriate sample of logs is inspected on the wharf for pests and contaminants.

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	Both ends of the log samples can be visually inspected by walking along the ends of the logs.
	The surface area of the log is inspected for each log.
<image/>	For logs with bark, semi-attached bark is lifted with a knife, or hammer and chisel.



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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