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Notice to Suppliers – Implementation of Revised Lacey Act Provisions

Dear Valued Northrop Grumman (NG) Supplier,

The Lacey Act combats illegal trafficking of wildlife, fish, and plants. The 2008 Farm Bill amended the Lacey Act (16 U.S.C. §§ 3371-3378) and extended its protections to a broad range of plants and plant products, making it unlawful to import into the United States any plant or plant product that was illegally harvested. It also makes it unlawful to import certain products without a declaration.

Beginning on December 1st, 2024, all imported plant product containing Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) codes that are not 100% composite materials will require Lacey Act declarations. Covered merchandise is incredibly broad including items as varied as machinery, hand tools, and optical instruments and apparatus. Northrop Grumman suppliers of affected imported items will be expected to provide the scientific name (genus and species), country of harvest and quantity of the plant material in metric units of measure upon request to facilitate compliance with the Lacey Act Declaration requirements.

For further information and a complete list of subject HTS codes, please review the USDA's press release: APHIS Extends Protections for World's Plants Through Implementation of Revised Lacey Act Provisions <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/news/agency-announcements/aphis-extends-protections-worlds-plants-through-implementation-revised>. As well as the USDA's Lacey Act information page with a broad range of program information including the implementation schedule and declaration criteria: APHIS Lacey Act Information Page <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant-imports/lacey-act>.

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