

Guidance on the Usage of Common Trade Groupings

In the Federal Register Notice comments, it was recommended that APHIS develop a list of shorthand designations that would satisfy the requirement to provide genus and species information for these common nomenclature groups. APHIS has considered many such groups. The amended Lacey Act explicitly states that the import declaration must contain both the genus and the species of the imported plant material. Further, the Act states that if a species is unknown, then the declaration should contain a list of all of the possible species that may be present in the product.

Therefore, in circumstances where the list of possible species in a particular product includes all species in the approved list of Common Trade Groupings (see below) the importer may use the shorthand indicated below each approved trade name. Approved common trade groupings will be listed below as they are approved for use on the Plant and Plant Product Declaration Form (PPQ505). If a species of wood contained in the shipment does not fall under a given Trade Grouping list, that grouping may not be used to define that species.

SPF (Eastern and Western species)

Spruce Pine Fir (abbreviated as SPF) is a common grade of lumber manufactured from varying proportions of spruce, pine, or fir species. SPF imports are a combination of several distinct species, but identifying the particular species in any individual shipment would be difficult. For shipments of SPF, the importer may declare the genus as “Special” and the species as “SPF”.

Common Trade Grouping “SPF” Includes:

- *Abies amabilis*
- *Abies balsamea*
- *Abies concolor*
- *Abies grandis*
- *Abies lasiocarpa*
- *Abies procera*
- *Larix laricina*
- *Larix occidentalis*
- *Picea engelmannii*
- *Picea glauca*
- *Picea mariana*
- *Picea rubens*
- *Pinus banksiana*
- *Pinus contorta*