



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** CLSAB Members  
**From:** Chuck Dentelbeck, President & CEO  
**Date:** June 5, 2024  
**Subject:** CFIA HT Certificates recognized by the Philippines

Canada Wood, CLSAB and CFIA hosted a delegation from the Government of the Philippines in November 2023 to review the CFIA HT-Program. Subsequently, CFIA successfully negotiated for the Philippines to recognize the HT-program and accept industry issued Heat Treatment Certificates in lieu of CFIA Phytosanitary Certificates.

As of June 1, 2024, Heat Treated lumber can be exported to the Philippines with an HT Certificate if the following requirements are satisfied:

- The facility issuing the HT Certificate is registered in the CFIA-HT program.
- The shipment/consignment of lumber is produced and heat treated in Canada in a facility that is registered in the CFIA-HT program.
- The shipment/consignment of lumber is inspected by trained authorized facility employees during the assembly process to verify that the wood is pest free.
- The exporter must obtain an SPS Import Clearance (SPSIC) permit from the Government of the Philippines for the lumber.
- All the boxes in the HT certificate must be completed
- The SPSIC number must be entered in the Description of consignment box to link the two (2) documents together
- The HT Certificate must be dated after the date the SPSIC permit is issued by the Government of the Philippines. (Box 6)
- The date of the Bill of Lading for the shipment shall be between the date of issuance of the HT certificate and the expiration date of the SPSIC permit.
- The shipment/consignment of lumber shall be shipped out within 60 days from the date of issuance of the SPSIC.