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Imported Treated Woods Requirements



PUBLIC NOTICE



Imported Treated Wood Requirements

The American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (ASEPA) wishes to inform the public of the requirements for the importation of pesticide treated wood into the Territory.

Under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and American Samoa Pesticide laws and regulations, pesticide treated wood imported into the Territory must be treated with United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) registered and approved pesticide. This registration requirement is designed to avoid unreasonable adverse affects of pesticides on human health and the environment.

ASEPA requires the following information on all *Certificate of Treatment* for wood imported into American Samoa:

1. **Certificate of Treatment Number**
2. **Name of Local Vendor**
3. **Name of Importer**
4. **Name of Treatment Company, Treatment Date and Signature**
5. **Pesticide Product Name**
6. **EPA Registration Number**
7. **EPA Establishment Number**
8. **Active Ingredients with Concentration Levels**
9. **Method of Application**

Prior to the importation of treated wood, it is **“important”** that importers provide ASEPA’s Pesticide Branch with the above information and allow **7 business days** for a complete regulatory review of the treated wood to be imported. This will allow ASEPA to review the *Certificate of Treatment* for compliance in accordance to U.S. and American Samoa pesticide laws and regulations.

As the primary environmental regulatory agency in American Samoa, ASEPA will not authorize the release of imported wood treated with an **unregistered pesticide** and/or if the information listed above is not included on the *Certificate of Treatment*. Failure to comply may result in fine/dues associated with the detaining and exportation of the wood from the Territory at owner/importers expense.

ASEPA would like to thank the regulated community for their cooperation on this matter.

If you have any questions or wish to acquire additional information regarding this notice, please do not hesitate to contact ASEPA’s Pesticide Branch at 684 633 2304.