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NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORTERS OF GOODS MADE FROM WOOD OR PLANTS

Declarations to be Required at Entry Beginning Dec. 15

As of Dec. 15 importers of any plant or plant product, including wood and wood products, must comply with a sweeping new requirement to bring their goods into the U.S. The Farm Bill enacted on July 15 includes a provision requiring such importers to submit upon entry a declaration that includes the genus and species of the plant(s) used, the value and quantity of the importation, and the country of origin of the imported product.

The scope of this new requirement is extraordinarily broad, as it applies to "any wild member of the plant kingdom, including roots, seeds, parts, and products thereof." Although the scope has not been precisely defined, based on the language of the law it appears that covered products will include furniture (of wood, particle board, etc.), textile and apparel products of rayon, cookware with wooden handles, items of clothing with wooden buttons, paper, toothpicks and many others.

Sandler, Travis and Rosenberg, P.A., is closely following developments regarding this new law and can provide you with the latest information from official government sources, including those who will be drafting the implementing regulations. We are also working on strategies to help companies comply with the new requirements in a cost-effective manner.

If you are interested in learning more about the new law and how to ensure compliance, or in joining an industry coalition, please contact:

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