



Are you buying parts, supplies, or finished instruments / bows that are being imported into the US?

FAQS

What is the Lacey Act?

The Lacey Act is a US conservation law that requires importers to provide documentation and declarations that prove the legality of the wood products and all natural resources they are importing.

When did the Lacey Act go into effect?

For all violin and bow parts and accessories, it was *already* in effect. For finished violin family instruments and bows, it went into effect on December 1, 2024.

What information is required for import into the US?

For all species, the scientific name and country of harvest (not country of manufacture) is required. For example, documentation on a finished bow needs to include a description of all parts that are made of natural resources: stick and frog wood, tip material, grip material, hair, slide material.

I'm not an importer so how does this affect me?

Everyone from the wood cutter, through the chain of custody to your customer is considered responsible under the law. Protect yourself by asking your distributor these questions:

1. What species is this?
2. What country did it come from?
3. Did it come from a sustainable source?
4. Do you have documentation to prove it?
5. May I see a copy of all documentation?

Alliance-International recommendation?

NO DOCUMENTATION? NO SALE. Pledge now to comply with the Lacey Act and to exercise due diligence when purchasing imported wood products and other natural resources.

USDA-APHIS resource: aphis.usda.gov/plant-imports/file-lacey-act-declaration

For specific questions: Lacey.Act.Declaration@usda.gov