

Phytosanitary Regulations and Arauco North America Composite Panel Products

Attention: Customers of Arauco North America

Many countries have implemented regulations prescribing phytosanitary measures for plant and plant-based articles. It is the responsibility of the entity importing to determine the requirements, if any, of the country of import for their products and to ensure documentation has been secured, including any phytosanitary certificate(s) that may be required, prior to shipment. Obtaining this documentation may require a description of the manufacturing process of particleboard and MDF/HDF products. A description of the manufacturing process is detailed below for those instances where this may be required.

Arauco North America composite panel products including MDF, HDF and Particleboard are manufactured from wood residuals and wood chips. The manufacturing process consists of flaking, milling, and/or refining the wood followed by a heat treatment to control the wood moisture content. The processed wood is then mixed with resin adhesive, formed into mats and then hot pressed into panels under pressure. These mats reach internal temperatures in excess of 100°C (212°F) degrees during the pressing process.

Additional information regarding export of plant and plant-based articles, including those that are exempt, and those for which a phytosanitary certificate may be issued, can be found on the [US Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service website](#).

For further information regarding Arauco North America's products, please contact your Arauco Sales Representative.

Regards,



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