

Forest Products Export Seminar



Seminar on Non-Chemical Pre-shipment and Quarantine Treatment of Softwood and Hardwood Logs

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Virginia Department of Forestry

900 Natural Resources Drive
Charlottesville, VA 22903



A seminar on vacuum-steam phytosanitation for logs will take place in Charlottesville to introduce the forest products industry to a commercially viable, non-fumigation method of treatment. The vacuum-steam system significantly improves the turnaround time of the current USDA T-314 heat treatment schedule for hardwood logs. Research has confirmed the efficacy of this method for several pests and pathogens of hardwood logs, including oak wilt, thousand canker disease complex and cerambycid borers.

This seminar will help you better understand:

- Current methods of controlling pest migration in log imports and exports
- Development and usage of vacuum-steam treatment technology as an alternative to fumigation
- The most current status of lumber and log trade negotiations with China
- The latest export data for U.S. and Virginia forest products
- Opportunities and resources for forest industries related investment in Virginia



The seminar is hosted by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Virginia Department of Forestry and the Virginia Tech Department of Sustainable Biomaterials.



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