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### **FAS Lima and APHIS Intervention Leads to Release of \$100,000 U.S. Lumber Shipment**

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**Report Highlights:**

During November 2014, FAS Lima facilitated for a major Peruvian lumber importer the release of ten container loads of U.S.-origin southern yellow pine. The shipments, valued at over \$100,000, had been detained at the Port of Callao due to the lack of U.S. phyto-sanitary certificates and the corresponding import documentation. U.S.-origin lumber imports have grown from \$865,000 in calendar year (CY) 2008 to over \$2 million by 2013 (last full year data), growing with a compound annual growth rate of 19 percent. The upswing in imports is due to construction company demand for higher-quality U.S. lumber.

## **General Information:**

During November 2014 FAS Lima facilitated for a major Peruvian lumber importer the release of ten container loads of U.S.-origin southern yellow pine. The two shipments, valued at a total of over \$100,000, had been detained at the Port of Callao due to the lack of U.S. phyto-sanitary certificates and corresponding import documentation.

Working with Peru's SENASA (the sanitary authority), FAS Lima coordinated with USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) the re-issuing of corresponding sanitary certificates. A phyto-sanitary certificate is required for issuing a Peruvian import permit and obtaining local sanitary certification/registration. FAS Lima's intervention and advocacy lead to SENASA authorizing the release of the shipments.

The current sanitary requirements are now available on the [APHIS export library](#). SENASA authorized the release of the shipments in accordance with [Directorial Resolution 0012-2014- MINAGRI- SENASA-DSV](#) (promulgated on April 7, 2014, published in the official gazette on March 9, 2014) and [Directorial Resolution 0015-2014- MINAGRI-SENASA-DSV](#) (promulgated on April 7, 2014, published in the official gazette on April 11, 2014).

Industry sources report to FAS Lima a growing demand for U.S.-origin treated lumber. In particular, Peruvian importers are interested in chemical or creosote impregnated and kiln-dried or heat-treated products (Harmonized Tariff System - HS code 4407.10).

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