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### Change to import requirements and introduction of a Low Risk Wood Products risk profile

Having undertaken an examination of inspection records relating to manufactured wooden products and the risk mitigation applied to different types of products in this range, MPI is pleased to be able to advise of some key advances in the way we will be looking to support our customers with immediate effect.

#### The main changes in this revised approach are:

1. The introduction of a list of product types where reduced risk mitigation is required; and
2. The removal of the requirement to inspect wooden items on arrival if they have been treated (either offshore or on-arrival).

#### In brief, the following approach to manufactured wooden products will be amended as follows:

| Type of product                                | Current risk mitigation  | New risk mitigation                 |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Wood furniture – EU origin                     | No requirements          | No requirements (no change)         |
| Other wood furniture                           | Treatment OR inspection  | Treatment OR inspection (no change) |
| Low risk wooden products (as per risk profile) | Treatment AND inspection | No requirements                     |
| Other wooden products                          | Treatment AND inspection | Treatment OR inspection             |

The list of what will now be categorised as Low Risk Wooden Products, within this approach can be found on the MPI website at...

<http://mpi.govt.nz/importing/border-clearance/containers-and-cargo/resources/>

MPI multi-use Permit numbers can also be used with selected classes of low risk products as per the Master list at the same site.

MPI remains committed to protecting and growing New Zealand and will continue to monitor these changes to ensure our borders remain fully protected from Biosecurity risks. We appreciate your input and support in driving and monitoring this protection and the improvements to our service. Please feel free to contact the team if risks or issues are identified.

Import requirements for manufactured wooden products are found in the MPI Import Health Standard “Woodware from all Countries”. <http://mpi.govt.nz/document-vault/1221>

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## Low risk manufactured wooden products – Risk Profile

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The following item classes are deemed low risk due to manufacturing processes, the nature of their use and historical inspection records.

### Commercially manufactured wooden items in the categories:

- Balsa items
- Book and album covers, wall plaques, trophy stands
- Bracelets and items worn as jewellery
- Clothing related - including clothes hangers, shoe stretchers and trees and cedar balls
- Display stands
- Doors, window frames and skylights for the construction industry including internal and external items
- Dowling
- Food manufacturing items including skewers and popsicle sticks
- Furniture – New and commercially manufactured from EU countries
- Furniture and items for the use of infants and children including cots, baby gates and teaching equipment.
- Craft related items including knitting needles; quilting hoops; crochet hooks; buttons, beads and balls
- Homewares for retail sale for specified importers. Note pre-approval must be given.
- Homewares such as jewellery boxes, vases and lamps.
- Kitchen items including plates, utensils, chopping boards, storage devices, wine racks and kitchen components
- Laminated and engineered flooring that is ready for use
- MDF items
- Medical including tongue depressors
- Musical instruments (excluding didgeridoos and hand crafted drums) includes piano stools
- Picture frames including framing for canvases
- Reconstituted plant fibres that have been heated, glued and compressed for manufacturing purposes
- Religious items including collection salvers, crosses and offertory bowls
- Shelving and other items used in electric appliances (e.g. wine racks)
- Sporting equipment
- Tool and brush/broom handles
- Toys and puzzles
- Window dressings including venetian blinds; curtain rods, rings and shutters
- Wood veneer

**These items do not require inspection on arrival or treatment.**

**All other manufactured wooden items will require either treatment or inspection on arrival.**

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