

TIMBER

SCOPE

Timber (firewood, wood chips, wood chips, sawdust, wood residues) imported into Latvia from another country, the value of which according to the accompanying documents exceeds 300 euros

LATVIAN REGULATIONS

Cabinet Regulation No. 576 of September 15, 2020 "[Requirements for Protection against Ionizing Radiation Caused by the Radionuclide Cesium 137 Content in Wood Imported into Latvia from Another Country](#)"

PRIOR AUTHORISATION

It is prohibited to import timber cargo in which the specific radioactivity of the radionuclide ¹³⁷Cs exceeds 10 Bq / kg in dry timber for use as biomass fuel.

If timber is imported into Latvia for use as biomass fuel, the timber importer shall ensure that the original or a certified copy (in the form of a paper document) of the specific radioactivity of the radionuclide ¹³⁷Cs in the timber cargo does not exceed 10 Bq / kg in dry timber.

If the purpose of importing the timber is not to use it as a biomass fuel, the timber importer shall ensure that the original or a certified copy of the certificate is attached to the documents accompanying each consignment.

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MAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR ECONOMIC OPERATORS

- Radiological testing of timber shall be carried out in an accredited laboratory of the country of dispatch of timber or accredited laboratory of the European Economic Area
- A copy of the radiological examination document shall be certified by the organization that issued the document or the timber importer
- When handing over the cargo to the timber buyer, the merchant shall hand over the radiological examination document and the confirmation document together with the cargo
- If it is established that the specific radioactivity of the radionuclide ¹³⁷Cs exceeds 10 Bq / kg in the timber imported from another country and is intended for use as biomass fuel, the timber importer shall return such timber to the consignor immediately, but not later than within one month