



THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON

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Eduardo Ferreyros Koppers  
Minister of Trade and Tourism  
Republic of Peru

Dear Minister Ferreyros:

I am writing on behalf of the United States Interagency Committee on Trade in Timber Products from Peru (the “Committee”) to request that Peru, pursuant to paragraph 7 of the Annex on Forest Sector Governance of the United States – Peru Trade Promotion Agreement (“PTPA”), verify whether, with respect to particular shipments of timber products from Peru to the United States, the exporter and the supplying producers complied with applicable laws, regulations, and other measures of Peru. The United States requests that Peru verify the following three timber product shipments:

- 1.) From *Maderera Bozovich S.A.C* that departed the Peruvian Port of Callao and arrived in Long Beach, California on or around June 28, 2017;
- 2.) From *Inversiones WCA E.I.R.L* that departed the Peruvian Port of Callao and arrived in San Juan, Puerto Rico on or around May 6, 2017; and
- 3.) From *Miremi S.A.C* that departed the Peruvian Port of Callao and arrived in New York, New York on or around April 19, 2017.

Per the PTPA, the United States requests that Peru prepare a written report of the results of its verification within the timeframe specified in the PTPA, appending all relevant documents and facts supporting Peru’s assessment. Such relevant documents include, but are not limited to: *Guia de Transporte Forestal* documents; *Organismo de Supervision de los Recursos Forestales y de Fauna Silvestre* (OSINFOR) *Informe de Supervision* reports; and, relevant export documentation. Additionally and also per the PTPA, the United States requests that OSINFOR or the *Autoridad Nacional Forestal y de Fauna Silvestre* (SERFOR) visit the premises of the exporter or producers, or of any other enterprise in Peru in the chain of production or transportation of the product. If Peru is able to present to the United States documentation of a visit to the premises of the supplying producers made within the past 12 months, then the United States requests consultations with Peru to discuss the need for an additional site visit. The

United States looks forward to working with Peru on how best to cooperate to maximize resources in the course of the verification process.

The United States understands the applicable laws, regulations and other measures of Peru to include, but not be limited to *Forest and Wildlife Law 29763* and its implementing regulations.

In February 2016, the United States requested that Peru verify the legality of a January 2015 shipment by the Peruvian company *Inversiones Oroza* (Oroza). As required under the Forest Annex, the Government of Peru provided the United States with a report which revealed that significant portions of the Oroza shipment were not compliant with Peru's law, regulations, and other measures on the harvest and trade of timber products, in particular, Ley No. 27308, *Ley Forestal y de Fauna Silvestre* and the implementing regulations for Law No. 27308. I commend Peru on its efforts to produce a robust and comprehensive analysis and report in 2016, and I expect that Peru's 2018 verification report will meet or exceed the standard previously set.

The timber verification provision is a unique monitoring tool included in the PTPA to ensure Peruvian forestry laws are enforced throughout the supply chain. The United States is making this request as a test of the integrity of the Peruvian timber supply chain and in the context of continued concerns about the practice of illegal logging in Peru. Further use of the verification tool, targeted at three shipments of timber products from major Peruvian timber exporters that arrived in the United States during 2017, will allow Peru and the Committee to jointly monitor Peru's supply chain and the impact of the implementing regulations for the *Forest and Wildlife Law 29763* and other reforms, which Peru has undertaken since the last verification request. The timber verification will also assist the United States and Peru in identifying opportunities for further collaboration to fulfill the objectives of the PTPA Annex on Forest Sector Governance.

Sincerely yours,



Ambassador Robert E. Lighthizer  
United States Trade Representative