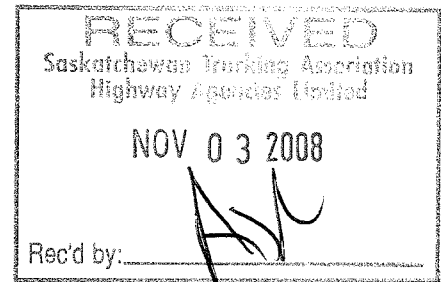


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ATTENTION: Saskatchewan Trucking Association

Dear Sir/Madam:

In view of the current mountain pine beetle epidemic in British Columbia, Alberta and the United States of America, along with the increased supply of mountain pine beetle-killed salvage logs available for market, there is a significant threat to pine tree resources in the province of Saskatchewan.

Mountain pine beetles can be easily dispersed through shipping logs, un-manufactured timber and forest products with bark attached. Therefore, until further notice, Saskatchewan is restricting the import, transport and storage of all pine logs and pine forest products with bark attached, originating in the provinces of Alberta and British Columbia, the United States of America as well as the Cypress Hills region in Saskatchewan.

The attached information package includes a copy of the Restriction Order and the contact information. Your co-operation in restricting the import of this serious forest pest into Saskatchewan is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

Kim Clark
Acting Executive Director

Enclosures



MINISTER'S ORDER
pursuant to
The Forest Resources Management Act

**Restriction on the import, transportation and storage of all pine logs and
pine forest products with bark attached originating from the Cypress Hills area
in the Province of Saskatchewan, the Provinces of Alberta and British Columbia and
the United States of America**

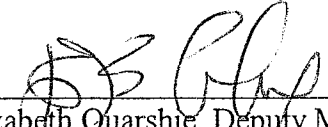
WHEREAS an extreme forest health hazard exists due to the possible introduction of the mountain pine beetle *Dendroctonus ponderosae* Hopkins through the import, transport or storage of pine logs and pine forest products with bark attached and where;

Section 24 of The Forest Resources Management Act provides that:

24 No person, without the written authority of the minister, shall import any thing into Saskatchewan that, in the minister's opinion, could cause the spread of insects or diseases harmful to Saskatchewan's forests, trees or other arboraceous vegetation.

I, Elizabeth Quarshie, Deputy Minister acting on behalf of the Minister of Environment, hereby repeal the original order dated June 27, 2002 and replace it with the following order effective this date of signing and until further notice:

No person shall import, transport, or store pine logs and pine forest products in the Province of Saskatchewan with bark attached originating from the Cypress Hills area of Saskatchewan described as the lands bounded by provincial highways numbered 1 and 37 and the borders of Alberta and the United States of America; the provinces of Alberta and British Columbia; or the United States of America without the written authority of the Executive Director of the Forest Service in the Ministry of Environment.



Elizabeth Quarshie, Deputy Minister
Ministry of Environment

Dated at Regina, Saskatchewan, this
June day of July, 2008

Minister's Order respecting Mountain Pine Beetle and the restriction on the Transport, Storage or Use of Pine Wood and Pine Forest Products

Frequently Asked Questions

Pursuant to The Forests Resources Management Act, the transportation of pine logs and other pine forest products with bark attached originating from Alberta, British Columbia, the United States of America and the Cypress Hills area of Saskatchewan is restricted by Ministerial Order.

What tree species and products are included in this Ministerial Order?

All pine (*Pinus* spp.) logs, pine firewood, and other pine forest products with bark attached.

When is the Ministerial Order in effect?

The original order was in effect since 2002. It has been amended and is effective immediately.

Where are the areas affected by this Ministerial Order?

Pine logs and other pine wood products with bark attached cannot be transported into Saskatchewan from Alberta, British Columbia, the Cypress Hills area of Saskatchewan (lands bounded by highway #1 and 37 and the borders of Alberta) and the United States of America.

Why has the Minister restricted the transportation of pine logs and pine forest products with bark attached?

The mountain pine beetle is a serious threat to Canada's pine trees and forests. Currently, areas within Alberta, British Columbia and some states have mountain pine beetle endemic infestations. The Cypress Hills area of Saskatchewan also has a native population of beetles that historically has remained at low levels. The beetle can be easily transported to new areas while underneath the bark of pine logs or products made from pine logs.

What will happen if an unauthorized shipment is found?

The shipment will be seized and not permitted to continue further into Saskatchewan and:

- a) will be sent back to where it came from; or
- b) the owner will be given the option of removing and destroying the bark before proceeding with the shipment.

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