Shipping bespoke furniture *to the US*

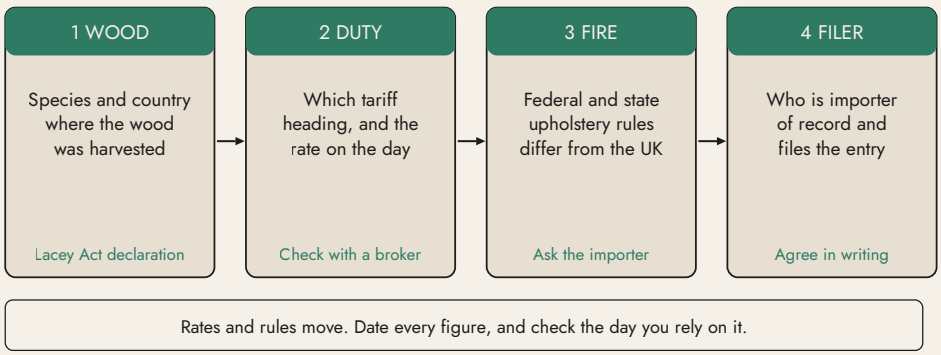
Shipping bespoke furniture to the US: the wood declaration, duty status and fire rules to check, as seen on 7 Nov 2026.

Compliance guidance. DATES AND RULES AS SEEN ON 7 NOVEMBER 2026. The Lacey Act points are from the US Department of Agriculture (APHIS) page, last modified 19 October 2026. Duty rates and fire-test rules could not be read from a primary document this session, so none is quoted. US trade rules change often: confirm every figure with a licensed customs broker and the importer of record on the day. This is not legal, customs or engineering advice; confirm with your contract adviser or the relevant authority. Nothing here says that Make Bespoke Studio or any partner workshop ships to the US, files any declaration, or holds any document listed.

AT A GLANCE

Item	What it says	Detail seen 7 Nov 2026	Source
Wood declaration	Lacey Act declaration for covered plant products, now including furniture.	Scientific name and where harvested, per piece of plant material	APHIS page, modified 19 Oct 2026
Phase for furniture	APHIS began implementing Phase VII, which covers furniture among other products.	From 1 December 2024	APHIS page
How it is filed	Electronic only: ACE, or APHIS's LAWGS web interface.	Paper forms not accepted from 1 January 2026	APHIS page
Who files	The importer of record or their agent.	Agree who this is before shipping	APHIS page
Small amounts	A de minimis disclaimer (code G) exists for very small plant content.	Up to 5% of unit weight and 2.9 kg per entry, per the page	APHIS page
Duties	A US tariff on timber and wooden furniture derivatives is reported.	Rate and date NOT confirmed from a primary document	Secondary reports only
Fire rules	US federal, state and contract rules differ from UK ones.	Not equivalent to the UK rules; not read	Ask the importer

Checked 7 November 2026. Only the Lacey Act rows come from a primary document. No duty rate and no US fire-test requirement is quoted; each is listed in the unverified notes.



Four checks before a US-bound piece ships. Original drawing by Make Bespoke Studio.

SPECIFICATION WORDING

IMPORTER OF RECORD

For items entered into the United States, the parties state in writing before order who is importer of record and which customs broker files the entry: [the Buyer / named importer / named broker].

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Where the Supplier is not the importer of record, it provides before shipment, for [each item / consignment], the scientific name (genus and species) of each plant material in the item and the place where it was harvested, so far as within its knowledge, with its supplier records as evidence. A change of species, source or supplier requires written notice before shipment.

DUTY AND CLASSIFICATION

The tariff heading, the duty treatment assumed and the date it was checked are recorded in [the order]. [The Buyer / the Supplier] bears duty and any change in rate between order and entry.

FIRE REQUIREMENTS

The flammability requirements of [state / building type] for the items are stated in [the specification]. The Supplier states in writing before order whether its test evidence meets them or whether a retest is needed.

TERMS USED

Lacey Act declaration
A US customs-entry declaration for covered plant products giving, among other data, the scientific name and where the plant was harvested. Filed through ACE or APHIS's LAWGS.

Importer of record
The party legally responsible for a US customs entry and its duties; it may use a customs broker as agent.

HTS (tariff) heading
The classification code under which goods are entered. It decides the duty and whether other rules apply.

STANDARDS AND SOURCES

- USDA APHIS: Lacey Act (plant imports): Read 7 Nov 2026; page modified 19 Oct 2026.
- US Section 232 timber and lumber proclamation; HTSUS chapter 99: Not read this session. Confirm current text and rates with a customs broker.
- US upholstered furniture flammability rules (federal, state, contract): Not read this session. Confirm with the importer.

Full guide: https://makebespoke.com/trade/technical/shipping-bespoke-furniture-to-the-us. Make Bespoke Studio coordinates manufacture through its partner workshops. Figures are guidance only and your specification governs; some may be superseded, so contact the studio to verify.