

Dear Sir`s

We refer to our publications in regard to fumigation /packing regulations for US/Canadian and Mexican destinations. We hope that additional information and web-links will help you to verify the right solution for your cargoes.

Canada

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveg/protect/dir/d-98-08e.shtml> - 1.0

Any regulated material found to be in non-compliance with the import requirements specified above will be ordered removed from Canada.

However, during a transition period, which ends **June 1, 2004**, a CFIA inspector may permit non-compliant wood packaging materials to be moved to a facility that safely disposes or processes the wood packaging materials in accordance with the conditions specified in Appendix 3.

The CFIA must determine that this movement of non-compliant wood packaging materials is both practically feasible and does not constitute a biological risk to introducing a pest to Canada. Any costs incurred in the disposition of non-compliant wood packaging materials are the responsibility of the person or entity in care and control of the non-compliant wood packaging materials at the time of entry to Canada (including port or berthing facilities receiving untreated dunnage).

The facility disposing or processing the non-compliant wood packaging materials must have completed an "Application for Participation in the Non-Compliant Wood packaging materials Disposal or Processing Program" (Appendix 4) and this application must have been approved by an inspector of the CFIA prior to the non-compliant wood packaging materials being granted entry to Canada.

After June 1, 2004, wood packaging materials found to be non-compliant will be ordered returned to origin. Costs incurred in returning the wood packaging materials to origin are the responsibility of the person of the person or entity in care and control of the non-compliant wood packaging materials at the time of entry to Canada (including port or berthing facilities receiving untreated dunnage).

Any movement of non-compliant wood packaging materials must be authorized by the CFIA on movement certificates issued to the individual having care and control of the non-compliant item. Movement certificates shall specify the specific conditions by which the wood packaging materials may be moved.

USA

US IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL – UPDATE

APHIS has published a Proposed Rule for new requirements concerning the importation of wood packaging material. The comment period for the rule ended on July 21, 2003 (see below). APHIS is currently finalizing the Rule based on these comments.

We were targeting January 1, 2004 for publication of the Final Rule, however, we are now anticipating publication no earlier than the middle of 2004. Upon publication, we anticipate a delayed implementation period. The Final Rule will provide a firm date for implementation. This delay between publication and implementation will allow time for countries to establish programs so that they can be compliant with [ISPM 15](http://www.ippc.int/servlet/BinaryDownloaderServlet/ISPM_15_English.pdf?filename=1055161712885_ISPM15_e.pdf) <http://www.ippc.int/servlet/BinaryDownloaderServlet/ISPM_15_English.pdf?filename=1055161712885_ISPM15_e.pdf> and the Final Rule.

We are encouraging all exporting countries to meet the conditions of [ISPM 15](http://www.ippc.int/servlet/BinaryDownloaderServlet/ISPM_15_English.pdf?filename=1055161712885_ISPM15_e.pdf) <http://www.ippc.int/servlet/BinaryDownloaderServlet/ISPM_15_English.pdf?filename=1055161712885_ISPM15_e.pdf> and the Proposed Rule which require that all wood packaging material be appropriately treated and marked under an official program developed and overseen by the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) in the country of export. APHIS will follow its current requirements for imported wood packaging material until the published implementation date. (Posted March 2004)

Weitere Einzelheiten unter <http://aphis.usda.gov/ppq/swp/industry/index.html>

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