

PALLETS AND OTHER SOLID WOOD PACKING MATERIALS.

WHEN WOODEN PALLETS OR OTHER SOLID WOOD PACKING MATERIALS ARE USED FOR SHIPMENTS UNDER THIS ORDER THEY SHALL BE COMPLETELY FREE OF BARK AND APPARENTLY FREE FROM LIVE PLANT PESTS. THE SUPPLIER SHALL VERIFY THAT THIS REQUIREMENT IS MET AND INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON THE COMMERCIAL INVOICE WHEN APPLICABLE:

"SOLID WOOD PACKING MATERIALS WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN USED IN THIS SHIPMENT HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE TOTALLY FREE FROM BARK AND APPARENTLY FREE FROM LIVE PLANT PESTS"

THE FOLLOWING APPLIES ONLY TO SHIPMENTS FROM CHINA (INCLUDING HONG KONG) FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 10, 1998 THROUGH DECEMBER 16, 1998.

IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS BELOW, THE FOLLOWING APPLIES TO SHIPMENTS FROM CHINA BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10, 1998:

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES HAVE BEGUN A PROGRAM OF RANDOM INSPECTIONS AT VARIOUS PORTS AROUND THE UNITED STATES. CURRENT (AS OF OCTOBER 2, 1998) TARGET AREAS ARE LOS ANGELES, CA; SEATTLE, WA; NEWARK, NJ. THESE PORTS WILL BE SUBJECTED TO RANDOM INSPECTIONS THAT WILL BE PERFORMED ON CONTAINERS WITH CHINA AS THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN. DETAILS FOLLOW:

1. IF A CONTAINER IS INSPECTED, CONTAINS SWPM AND SHOWS NO SIGN OF INFESTATION, IT WILL BE PERMITTED ENTRY.
2. IF A CONTAINER IS INSPECTED AND CONTAINS SWPM THAT IS INFESTED, THE CONTAINER WILL BE DENIED ENTRY UNTIL FUMIGATION HAS BEEN PERFORMED, CERTIFIED AND PASSES A FOLLOW UP INSPECTION. THIS WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED THROUGH DECEMBER 16, 1998.
3. IF A CUSTOMER'S CONTAINER IS FOUND TO HAVE SIGNS OF INFESTATION, THE CUSTOMER MUST ARRANGE FOR FUMIGATION TO BE PERFORMED.
4. ALL COSTS FOR FUMIGATION, TRANSPORT AND INSPECTIONS ARE TO BE FOR THE ACCOUNT OF THE SELLER.

THE FOLLOWING APPLIES ONLY TO SHIPMENTS FROM CHINA (INCLUDING HONG KONG) IN THE PERIOD COMMENCING DECEMBER 17, 1998:

ANY SHIPMENT ARRIVING IN THE UNITED STATES ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 18, 1998 THAT IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THESE REGULATIONS MAY BE DETAINED, SEIZED, OR REFUSED ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES.

1. ALL SOLID WOOD PACKING MATERIALS (SWPM) IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES FROM CHINA MUST BE HEAT TREATED, FUMIGATED OR TREATED WITH PRESERVATIVES PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FROM CHINA.
2. ALL SHIPMENTS CONTAINING SWPM MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CERTIFICATE, ISSUED AND SIGNED BY AN OFFICIAL OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, WHICH CERTIFIES THAT THE SWPM WAS HEAT TREATED, FUMIGATED OR TREATED WITH PRESERVATIVES PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FROM CHINA.
3. SHIPMENTS FROM CHINA THAT DO NOT CONTAIN SWPM MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A DECLARATION, MADE BY THE EXPORTER, WHICH STATES THE NATURE OF THE SHIPMENT AND THAT THE SHIPMENT CONTAINS NO SWPM. THIS DECLARATION MUST APPEAR ON ALL SHIPPING DOCUMENTS (COMMERCIAL INVOICE, AIR WAYBILL, BILL OF LADING).

TO ASSIST US CUSTOMS AND APHIS/USDA INSPECTORS IN THEIR REVIEW OF CHINESE SWPM SHIPMENTS, AND THEREBY HELPING EXPEDITE SHIPMENTS TO THEIR DESTINATIONS, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE SWPM BE MARKED AT THE TREATMENT FACILITY, SUBSEQUENT TO TREATMENT/FUMIGATION, WITH A STAMP OR WATERPROOF LABEL THAT READS "CHINA TREATED". THIS MARKING IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE REQUIRED GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATION.