

INT'L IMPORT COMPLIANCE-WOOD PACKING  
REQUIREMENT I08

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"

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THE FOLLOWING APPLIES ONLY TO SHIPMENTS FROM CHINA:

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.