PALLETS AND OTHER SOLID WOOD PACKAGING MATERIALS

ALL WOOD PALLETS OR CONTAINERS MUST BE COMPLETELY FREE OF BARK AND APPARENTLY FREE FROM LIVE PLANT PESTS. THE SUPPLIER SHALL VERIFY THAT REQUIREMENT IS MET AND INCLUDE THE FOLLOWOING STATEMENT ON THE COMMERCIAL INVOICE WHEN APPLICABLE:

"SOLID WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL 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 USA/JAPAN:

- 1. ALL CONIFEROUS WOOD PACKING MATERIALS (CWPM) IMPORTED INTO CHINA FROM USA/JAPAN MUST BE HEAT TREATED, FUMIGATED, OR TREATED WITH PERSERVATIVES PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FROM USA/JAPAN.
- 2. ALL SHIPMENT S CONTAINING CWPM MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CERTIFICATE, ISSUED AND SIGNED BY AN OFFICIAL OF THE USA/JAPAN GOVERNMENT, WHICH CERTIFIES THAT THE CWPM WAS HEAT TREATED, FUMIGATED OR TREATED WITH PERESERVATIVES PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FROM USA/JAPAN.
- 3. SHIPMENTS FROM USA/JAPAN THAT DO NOT CONTAIN CWPM MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A DECLARATION, MADE BY THE EXPORTER, WHICH STATES THE NATURE OF THE SHIPMENT AND THAT THE SHIPMENT CONTAINS NO CWPM. THIS DECLARATION MUST APPEAR ON THE SHIPPING DOCUMENTS (COMMERCIAL INVOICE, AIR WAY BILL, BILL OF LADING}. THE SUPPLIER SHOULD VERIFY THAT ALL WOOD PALLETS OR CONTAINERS MUST BE COMPLETELY FREE OF BARK AND APPARENTLY FREE FROM LIVE PLANT PESTS.
- 4. SHIPMENTS FROM USA/JAPAN THAT DO NOT CONTAIN ANY WOOD PALLET OR CONTAINERS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A DECLARATION, MADE BY THE EXPORTER, WHICH STATES THE NATURE OF THE SHIPMENT AND THAT THE SHIPMENT CONTAINS NO WOOD MATERIAL.

TO ASSIST CHINA CUSTOMS AND IMPORT/EXPORT INSPECTION BUREAU IN THEIR REVIEW OF USA/JAPAN CWPM SHIPMENTS, AND THEREBY HELPING EXPEDITE SHIPMENTS TO THEIR DESTINATIONS, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE CWPM BE MARKED AT THE TREATMENT FACILITY, SUBSEQUENT TO TREATMENT/FUMIGATION, WITH A STAMP OR WATERPROOF LABEL THAT READS "USA/JAPAN TREATED". THIS MARKING IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE REQUIRED GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATION.

ANY SHIPEMNT ARRIVING IN CHINA THAT IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THESE REGULATIONS MAY BE DETAINED, SEIZED, OR REFUSTED ENTRY INTO CHINA.