

STANDARD REMARK I08 INTERNATIONAL WOOD COMPLIANCE REV October 19, 200

PALLETS AND OTHER SOLID WOOD PACKAGING MATERIALS

WOOD PALLETS OR WOOD CONTAINERS USED FOR SHIPMENTS COMING FROM A COUNTRY IN THE EUROPEAN UNION MUST HAVE "MADE IN (COUNTRY)" STENCILED ON THE CONTAINER.

WOOD PALLETS OR WOOD CONTAINERS COMING FROM A COUNTRY OTHER THAN THOSE IN THE EUROPEAN UNION MUST BE MADE OF HARD WOOD EXCLUSIVELY. THE PALLET OR CONTAINER SHALL ALSO BE STENCILED "NON-CONIFEROUS".

THE CHARACTERS USED IN THE STENCILING MUST AT LEAST ONE INCH HIGH.

ALL WOOD PALLETS OR CONTAINERS MUST ALSO BE COMPLETELY FREE OF BARK AND APPARENTLY FREE FROM LIVE PLANT PESTS. THE SUPPLIER SHALL VERIFY THAT REQUIREMENT IS MET AND INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING 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 CHINA:

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 THE SHIPPING DOCUMENTS (COMMERCIAL INVOICE, AIR WAY BILL, 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.

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