

**STANDARD REMARK I08 INTERNATIONAL WOOD COMPLIANCE REV NOVEMBER 14, 200**

**PALLETS AND OTHER SOLID WOOD PACKAGING MATERIALS**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARD FOR PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES PUBLICATION NO. 15 (ISPM 15) IN NORTH AMERICAN PLANT PROTECTION ORGANIZATION (NAPPO) COUNTRIES, ALL SWPM MUST COMPLY WITH ISPM 15. ALL SHIPMENTS TO GEES MUST COMPLY WITH THE ISPM 15 REGULATIONS EVEN IF THAT PARTICULAR SHIPMENT IS NOT BEING EXPORTED OR IMPORTED. THIS INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

1. COMPANIES USING PALLETS OR CONTAINERS CONSTRUCTED IN WHOLE OR IN PART FROM ANY TYPE OF SWPM MUST USE WOOD PACKING MATERIAL THAT HAS BEEN HEAT TREATED TO ATTAIN A MINIMUM CORE TEMPERATURE OF 133 DEGREES FARENHEIT (56 DEGREES CENTIGRADE) FOR AT LEAST 30 MINUTES.
2. THE PALLET OR CONTAINER MUST BE MARKED WITH AN APPROVED "HT" STAMP IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OFFICIAL PROGRAM DEVELOPED AND OVERSEEN BY THE NATIONAL PLANT PROTECTION ORGANIZATION (NPPO) IN THE COUNTRY OF EXPORT.

THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS APPLY ONLY TO SHIPMENTS FROM CHINA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH U.S. REGULATIONS:

1. ALL SHIPMENTS CONTAINING SWPM MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CERTIFICATE, ISSUED AND SIGNED BY AN OFFICAL OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, WHICH CERTIFIED THAT THE SWPM WAS HEAT TREATED OR FUMIGATED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FROM CHINA.
2. TO ASSIST U.S. CUSTOMS AND USDA-APHIS INSPECTORS IN THEIR REVIEW OF CHINESE SWPM SHIPMENTS, AND THEREBY HELPING EXPEDITE SHIPMENTS TO THEIR DESTINATIONS, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE SWPM BE MARKED WITH A STAMP OR WATERPROOF LABEL THAT READS "CHINA TREATED." THIS MARKING IS NOT A SUBSTITTUTE FOR THE CERTIFICATION.
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).