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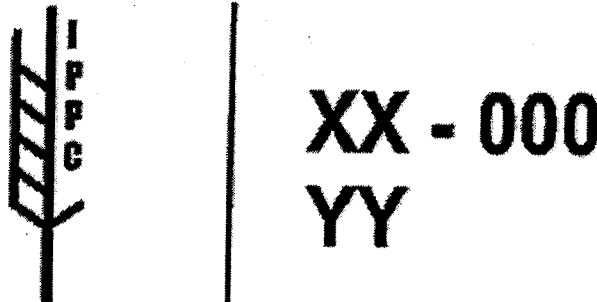
DATE: July 11, 2005

SUBJECT: Wood Packing Material

USDA has revised its import regulation for wood packaging material (WPM). The revised USDA APHIS has revised its import regulation for wood packaging material (WPM). WPM includes shipping pallets, crates, barrels, drums, dunnage, and other wood containers that facilitate the shipment and storage of transported cargo coming into the U.S. The revised WPM regulation is effective as of September 16, 2005. Also, effective that date, paper certificates of treatment will no longer be required or acceptable. The new regulation requires WPM used in international trade **to be treated** to kill harmful insects that may be present.

WPM **must be marked** with the IPPC logo and the two-letter ISO code for the country that treated the WPM. The marking must also include the unique number assigned by the National Plant Protection Organization to the company responsible for ensuring the WPM was properly treated, and either the abbreviation HT (heat treatment) or MB (methyl bromide).

An example of an acceptable WPM mark is:

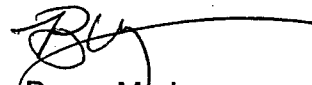


XX represents the ISO country code.

000 represents the unique number assigned by the national plant protection organization.

YY represents either HT for heat treatment or MB for methyl bromide fumigation.

There are certain exemptions from the new requirements. More information is available from USDA at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/swp/import.html> or the local CBP Agriculture Inspection Office at 303-342-8400.


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