

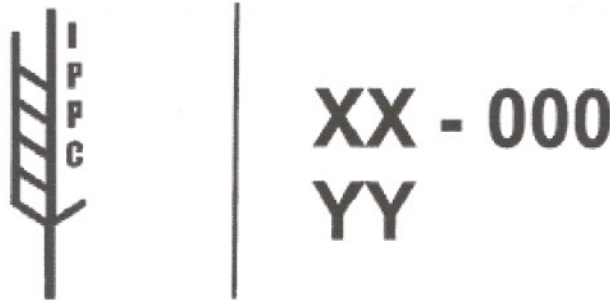


THE AREA PORT OF CHAMPLAIN, NY
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Subject: Wood Packing Material

Distribution: Filers, importers, carriers and other interested parties

USDA has revised its import regulation for wood packaging material (WPM). The revised WPM regulation is effective as of **September 16, 2005**. The regulation requires WPM coming into the U.S. to be treated and marked. The approved treatments are either heat treatment to a minimum wood core temperature of 56°C for a minimum of 30 minutes or fumigation with methyl bromide (MB). An acceptable 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.

In cases of noncompliance, an examining officer at the port of first arrival may order the immediate re-export of regulated wood packaging material along with the accompanying cargo. In other words, if your WPM is not treated and marked, your cargo may also be subject to immediate export. Please ensure your company's compliance.

Effective September 16, 2005, paper certificates of treatment will no longer be required or acceptable.

There are certain exemptions from the new requirements. More information is available from USDA or at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/swp/import.html>

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