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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

Revision

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>CANADA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Canadian Food Inspection Agency
3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Wood packaging materials (wood or wood products (excluding paper products) used in supporting, protecting or carrying cargo) (ICS: 55.040, 79.040).
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries or regions except the continental United States.
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: D-98-08 (4 th Revision, 2004): Entry Requirements for Wood Packaging Materials Produced in all Areas other than the Continental United States (available in English, 15 pages; French, 16 pages).
6. Description of content: Wood packaging materials entering Canada from all areas except the continental United States must be treated and certified in accordance with the standards established in the <i>International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) #15: Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade</i> or in a manner approved by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.
7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [] animal health, [X] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests
8. International standard, guideline or recommendation: [] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), [X] International Plant Protection Convention, [] None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: ISPM #15: Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade The proposed Canadian import policy permits in addition to those specified in the standard identification markings or the use of certificates in lieu of markings from the date of adoption to 1 April 2005. The policy also permits reduced enforcement measures to be applied to non-infested wood packaging materials markings from the date of adoption to 1 April 2005. This deviation has been allowed to permit exporting countries sufficient time to adapt to the international measures.

9.	<p>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: ISPM #15: Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade (Available in all languages of the FAO). The document may be accessed at: www.ippc.int/servlet/BinaryDownloaderServlet/16259_1031241811859_ispm15.pdf?filename=1031241811859_ispm15e.pdf&refID=16259</p> <p><u>NAPPO Executive Committee Decision concerning commencement of strict enforcement</u> http://www.nappo.org/Standards/Woodpacking-bil.htm</p> <p><u>Plant Protection Act and Plant Protection Regulations</u> http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/reg/rege.shtml (English) http://www.inspection.gc.ca/francais/reg/regf.shtml (French)</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption: 1 June 2004</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: 1 June 2004</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: Not applicable.</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
13.	<p>Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>The electronic version of the regulatory text can be downloaded at: www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveg/for/fore.shtml (English) www.inspection.gc.ca/francais/plaveg/for/forf.shtml (French)</p>