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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: National Plant Quarantine Service, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
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): All kinds of non-processed wood packaging material including palette, crating, dunnage and packing block etc.
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries.
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Draft of Quarantine Requirement of the Wood Packaging Material (available in Korean, 3 pages).
6. Description of content: Wood packaging material imported into Korea from all countries must be treated and certified in accordance with the standards established in the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) #15: Guidelines for Regulating Wood packaging Material in International Trade or according to the manner approved by the National Plant Quarantine Service of the Republic of Korea. In case of coniferous wood packaging material from USA, Canada, Mexico, Japan, China, Taiwan and Portugal, distributing countries of pine wood nematode, only heat treatment will be approved.
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, [] Office International des Epizooties, [X] International Plant Protection Convention, [] None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Official Gazette (to be issued), available in Korean.
10. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined.
11. Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined.

12. Final date for comments: 20 August 2003
Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

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