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## **FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF WOOD-PACKAGING RULES INTO USA WILL TAKE EFFECT JULY 5**

To our Valued Customers,

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The day of reckoning for full enforcement of wood-packaging rules is fast approaching. As of July 5, the U.S. will require immediate re-export of all goods if their wood packaging does not bear a stamp showing they have been heat-treated or fumigated before they're shipped to the United States.

Customs and Border Protection and the U.S. Department of Agriculture began applying the rule on Feb. 1 to crates and pallets. The final implementation stage, starting July 5, will extend enforcement to wood dunnage — loose packaging placed around bulky cargo to protect it from damage that could occur if the goods swing around while they are in transit.

No treatment of the non-compliant materials will be allowed at the ports and all costs associated with inspection, emergency fumigation, separation and shipping will be billed back to exporter/shipper.

Kind regards  
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