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WOOD PACKAGING ISPM15

To our Valued Customers,

Vanguard Logistics Services NZ Ltd has been reminded that the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Draft Import Health Standard for Wood Packaging (ISPM15) is still open for submission (closing today 18th of April). CBAFF has made submissions on behalf of members.

The Draft document includes a provision for implementation on May 1st 2006. Following representation on your behalf, MAF advise CBAFF that the ISPM15 Standard will be actioned on the 1st of May but MAFQS will not implement until 1st of July.

This is to allow MAFQS to complete projected surveys and allow time for importers to undertake compliance.

MAF has provided following schedule for implementation of new wood packaging standards:

Wood packaging arriving after 1st May 2006:

1. New Import Health Standard for Wood Packaging enters into force.
2. Wood packaging should comply with the import requirements.
3. MAF will risk profile all consignments and select a subset for inspection.
4. Any wood packaging found to be infested with pests will be treated, reshipped or destroyed.
5. Wood packaging found to be free of pests may be granted biosecurity clearance.
6. MAFQS will tag non-compliant wood packaging with an advisory notice.

Wood packaging arriving after 1st July 2006:

1. Wood packaging must comply with the import requirements.
2. MAF will risk profile all consignments and select a subset for inspection.
3. Any untreated or uncertified wood packaging found will be treated, destroyed, or refused entry, regardless of whether pests are found.
4. A notice of non-compliance will be issued for any untreated or uncertified wood packaging.
5. Information from these non-compliances will be used to feedback into the risk profiling system, meaning that importers who develop a history of non-compliance will more frequently be selected for inspection.

Surveys will commence at the premises of high volume locations this week.

Thank you for your continued support and choosing Vanguard Logistics Services.

Kind regards
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