

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING AND FILING
Conifer Solid Wood Packing
Material to the People's Republic
of China
PPQ FORM 553 (DEC 2003)

TO BE COMPLETED BY EXPORTER OR EXPORTERS OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE

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1. Provide the complete name and mailing address of the exporter of record. Only U.S. addresses will be accepted.
2. Provide the complete name and physical address of the ultimate consignee of record. Only Chinese or Hong Kong addresses will be accepted. Hong Kong addresses are acceptable if the U.S. exporter indicates that the materials exported to Hong Kong will be reshipped to other regions of China by the Hong Kong consignee.
3. Sign the document attesting to the accuracy of the heat treatment, certifying that the treatment was performed and documented. Documentation of heat treatment must be retained by the exporter and made available for official review (if required) for one (1) year after date of issuance.
4. Provide a complete description of the shipment including quantity, weight, and description of goods. The description should also include the number of conifer solid wood packing materials included in the shipment, e.g., 52 conifer pallets with 240 cardboard cartons of auto spare parts of 2 conifer crates containing turbine assemblies, etc.

A completed original and one (1) copy of this certificate should be delivered to the closest USDA-PPQ or USDA-PPQ cooperator office for endorsement. Exporters are encouraged to have their Certificate of Heat Treatment endorsed by USDA officials as close to the initial point of shipment as possible. To avoid potential delays, exporters should not wait to have their certificates endorsed at the final U.S. port of departure.

Local USDA-PPQ locations:

www.aphis.usda.gov/travel/aqi

Local USDA-PPQ cooperator locations:

www.aphis.usda.gov/npb/npbmemb

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5. Date signed by endorsing official.
6. City and State where the certificate is endorsed.
7. Space reserved for endorsement comments.
8. Signature of Endorsing Officer or Cooperator.

Stamp "Official Stamp Block" with impression of approved stamp.

Note: PPQ Form 553 is available for public use through the USDA-APHIS-PPQ website. Please note that the word spacing on this official document may vary depending on the printer used to download this document, you may need to adjust your margins to 0.5 inches for consistent results.



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Plant Protection and Quarantine

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CERTIFICATE OF HEAT TREATMENT

TO: State Administration for Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine (SAIQ) of the People's Republic of China

This is to certify that the conifer packing material in this shipment has been heat treated through a treatment process that increased the minimum core wood temperature to 56 degrees Celsius for 30 minutes.

SHIPMENT INFORMATION

1. Name and Address of Exporter:

2. Name and Address of Consignee:

3. Signature of Exporter

By signing block 3, the exporter acknowledges any intentional false statement in this Certificate of Heat Treatment or misrepresentation relative to this heat treatment certificate is a violation of law, subject to civil penalties of up to \$250,000 (7 U.S.C. s 7734(b)), punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or both. (18 U.S.C. s1001)

SHIPMENT IDENTIFICATION

4. Description of Consignment:

ENDORSEMENT OF CERTIFICATION *(Official Use Only)*

(Official Stamp)

5. Date of Issue

6. Issuing Office *(City and State)*

7. Other Information

8. Signature of Endorsing Official

No financial liability shall attach to the United States Department of Agriculture or to any officer or representative of the service with respect to this certificate.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0579-0147. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average .017 minutes/hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.