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Revised MB Treatment Requirements for Entry/Exit Wood Packaging Material

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Report Highlights:

On July 31, 2006, the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection, and Quarantine (AQSIQ) released the revised methyl bromide (MB) fumigation requirements for entry/exit wood packing material. This report is a free UNOFFICIAL translation provided for the benefit of U.S. exporters by the USDA FAS Agricultural Affairs Office in Beijing.

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Background

On July 31, 2006, the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection, and Quarantine (AQSIQ) published its Announcement 2006 No. 105 on the revised methyl bromide (MB) fumigation requirements for entry/exit wood packing. The original document is available in Chinese at:

http://www.agsig.gov.cn/cms/template/item.html?did=8&cid=2038\20182

The new regulation mandated a longer fumigation period and a higher dosage. See below tables for comparison. The new requirements are scheduled to enter into force on October 1, 2006. The U.S. exporters are encouraged to follow the new requirements to avoid entry delays.

The new requirements:

Temperature	Dosage rate	Minimum concentration (g/m3) at			
	(g/m3)	2 hour	4 hours	12 hours	24 hours
=21°C	48	36	31	28	24
=16°C	56	42	36	32	28
=11°C	64	48	42	36	32

The old requirements:

Temperature	Dosage rate	Minimum concentration (g/m3) at			
	(g/m3)	0.5 hour	2 hours	4 hours	16 hours
=21°C	48	36	24	17	14
=16°C	56	42	28	20	17
=11°C	64	48	32	22	19

For more information about China's quarantine requirements for imported wood packing material, please see GAIN CH5052.

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2006 No. 105 Announcement

By The General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine

The technical requirements for MB fumigation treatment stated in AQSIQ's Announcement 2005 No. 32 and 69 are revised, in accordance with the MB fumigation requirements of the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) Publication No. 15 of "Guidelines"

for Regulating Wood Packing Material in International Trade", which was revised by the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) in April 2006.

Methyl Bromide (MB) Fumigating Treatment

1. The wood packing material shall be treated as per the below criteria at normal atmospheric pressure:

Temperature	Dosage rate	Minimum concentration (g/m3) at			
	(g/m3)	2 hour	4 hours	12 hours	24 hours
=21°C	48	36	31	28	24
=16°C	56	42	36	32	28
=11°C	64	48	42	36	32

2. The fumigating temperature should be no lower than 10°C, and fumigating time should be no less than 24 hours. Dosage rate should be tested at least at the 2nd, 4th and 24th hours.

Before the Announcement comes into effect, the already treated and mark-issued wood packaging in accordance with the previous technical requirements for MB fumigation treatment is not required to be re-treated and re-marked based on new requirement.

The Announcement will be effective on October 1, 2006. (END TRANSLATION)