

Measures for the Administration of Entry Cargo Wood Packing Quarantine Supervision (Draft)

Article 1

These Measures are formulated for the purpose of standardizing the entry cargo wood packing quarantine supervision and control and preventing forest harmful living beings from entering into China along with the entry cargo wood packing in accordance with the "Law of the People's Republic of China on Entry-Exit Animal and Plant Quarantine" and the regulations for its implementation, as well as by reference to the provisions of International Standards for Plant Quarantine Measures No.15 on "Norms for the Administration of Wood Packing in International Trade".

Article 2

The wood packing specified in these Measures refers to the wood materials for carrying, packing, bedding, supporting and reinforcing cargo, such as crates, wooden crates, pallets, wooden frames, wooden casks, shafts, wedges, sole timber, sleepers, dunnage, etc. Wood packing materials such as plywood and fiberboard that are produced by deep processing procedures of synthesizing or heating and pressing are not included.

Article 3

The quarantine supervision and control work for all wood packing of entry cargo shall be under a unified management of the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (hereinafter referred to as the General Administration of Quality and Quarantine). The entry-exit inspection and quarantine offices in all the places (hereinafter referred to as inspection and quarantine offices) shall be responsible for the quarantine supervision and control of wood packing of entry cargo in their jurisdiction areas.

Article 4

The wood packing of entry cargo shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) It not carry harmful living beings, and there shall be no indication caused by harmful living beings and no bark, branch, soil, etc.
- (2) The wood packing shall have been subjected to the phytosanitary treatment as listed in Appendix 1 of these Measures and each piece of wood packing shall be marked as per the requirements in Appendix 2. For entry cargo from epidemic countries or areas of pine wood nematode (see Appendix 3), the wood packing made from a coniferous tree must be treated by heat treatment as specified in

Appendix 1 or by other effective methods accepted by the General Administration of Quality and Quarantine.

Article 5

The official plant quarantine offices of exporting countries or areas shall present to the General Administration of Quality and Quarantine a list of approved manufacturers of wood packing and also the sample of quarantine markings.

Article 6

If the results from a harmful living being risk analysis show that the phytosanitary treatments listed in Appendix 1 of these Measures are unable to eliminate effectively the harmful living beings which are of concern in China, the General Administration of Quality and Quarantine may require the exporting countries or areas to take other phytosanitary treatment measures.

Article 7

Exporters shall indicate on their documents of trade whether wood packing is used or not. If wood packing is used for the entry cargo, then the cargo owner or his agent shall declare inspection to the inspection and quarantine office on the strength of the above-mentioned relevant documents of trade. If no wood packing is used or such material as plywood or fiberboard is used for packing, the cargo owner or his agent shall also make a statement to the inspection and quarantine office.

Article 8

For the related trade documents with a definite declaration of wood packing (yes or no), the inspection and quarantine office shall conduct a spot check to the cargoes as specified in regulations; if there is no declaration, then the inspection of every batch of cargo shall be executed.

Article 9

For cargo requiring quarantine or phytosanitary treatment, the cargo owner or his agent shall, as required by inspection and quarantine office, bring the cargo to a designated place for quarantine or for phytosanitary treatment. For cargo packed in a container, the door of the container shall not be opened until personnel for quarantine have arrived at site.

Article 10

The cargo, indicated to have wood packing and meeting the quarantine requirements as specified in Article 4 of these Measures, shall be released. If the cargo fail to meet

the requirements specified in Article 4, the cargo owner or his agent shall, under the supervision of quarantine office, subject the wood packing to phytosanitary treatment, disposal or returning the wood packing with the cargo. The cargo without wood packing or using plywood or fiberboard as packing material, and the cargo without declaration of wood packing (yes or no), shall be released if no wood packing is found during inspection. In such cases where wood packing is found during inspection, the cargo owner or his agent shall destroy the wood packing properly under supervision or return the wood packing together with the cargo. The expenses thus incurred shall be borne by the importer.

Article 11

If customs clearance of entry cargo is conducted at port of entry, the cargo owner or his agent shall go through customs clearance procedures on the strength of the "Clearance Note of Entry Goods" issued by the inspection and quarantine office at the port of entry. For application of transshipment, the cargo owner or his agent shall go through customs clearance procedures at the port of destination on the strength of "Clearance Note of Entry Goods" issued by the inspection and quarantine office at the port of destination.

Article 12

The inspection and quarantine office shall make a proper credit record of exporters and wood packing manufacturers according to the quarantine status of cargo and shall make an assessment of their credibility and take corresponding measures. The General Administration of Quality and Quarantine shall give a timely notice about the related quarantine status to the exporting countries or areas.

Article 13

The wood packing of entry cargo for repeated use shall be in accordance with the stipulation in clause 1 of Article 4 and shall be clearly marked. The wood packing material which is recycled, remanufactured or repaired shall be subjected to phytosanitary treatment and re-marked as per the requirements of these Measures.

Article 14

The dunnage material used in entry vessels shall be subjected to phytosanitary treatment and marked as specified in these Measures. The dunnage material without marking shall carry no harmful living beings. If harmful living beings is found during quarantine, then the dunnage material shall be subjected to phytosanitary treatment at the port of entry.

Article 15

The wood packing coming from Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan shall be executed as specified in these Measures.

Article 16

The exposed wood packing of transit goods shall be executed as specified in these Measures.

Article 17

If there is a bilateral agreement on wood packaging between China and a foreign country, then the wood packing shall be executed as per the provisions of the bilateral agreement.

Article 18

In case the previous quarantine control regulations on the original entry cargo wood packing are in conflict with these Measures, the latter shall prevail.

Article 19

The General Administration of Quality and Quarantine shall be responsible for the interpretation of these Measures.

Article 20

These Measures shall become effective on ,2004.

Appendix 1
Phytosanitary Treatment for Wood Packaging
Material of the Entry Cargo

1. Heat treatment(HT)

- 1.1 The wood packaging material must achieve a minimum wood core temperature of 56 °C for a minimum of 30 minutes.
- 1.2 Kiln drying (KD), chemical pressure impregnation (CPI) or other treatments shall be regarded as heat treatment if they can meet the requirement of heat treatment. For example, CPI may meet the technical requirement of heat treatment through use of steam, hot water and dry heat etc.

2. Methyl bromide (MB) fumigating treatment

- 2.1 The wood packing material shall be treated as per the following criteria at atmospheric pressure:

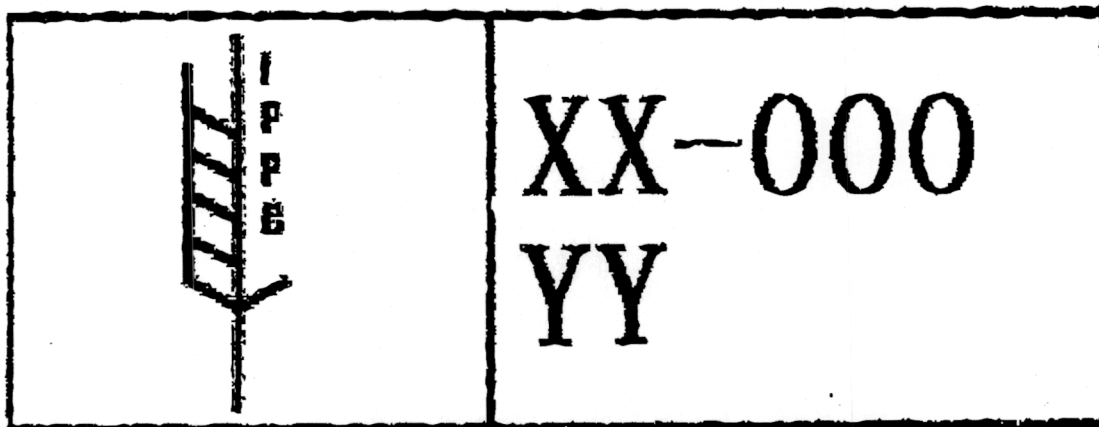
Temperature	Dosage (g/m ³)	Minimum concentration for surveillance (g/m ³)			
		0.5 h	2h	4h	16h
≥21°C	48	36	24	17	14
≥16°C	56	42	28	20	17
≥11°C	64	48	32	22	19

- 2.2 The minimum temperature shall be at least 10 °C, and the minimum fumigating time shall be at least 16 hours.

3. Other phytosanitary treatments recognized by International Standards for Plant Quarantine Measures or accepted by the General Administration of Quality and Quarantine.

Appendix 2
Marking Requirements for Wood Packaging Material of the Entry Cargo
Accepted after Phytosanitary Treatment

1. Sample of marking



Where:

IPPC— Abbreviation of "International Plant Protection Convention"

XX — The two letter country code as specified by International Standardization Organization (ISO)

000 — The unique number standing for a wood packaging manufacturer approved by an official plant quarantine office of an exporting country

YY — The phytosanitary treatment measure, for example, MB stands for Methyl Bromide fumigating treatment and HT stands for Heat Treatment.

2. The official plant quarantine authority of an exporting country or a manufacturer of wood packaging material for export cargo may provide additional information on request.
3. The quarantine mark shall be put at a remarkable position on at least two opposite sides of the article and the quarantine mark shall be legible, permanent and not transferable.
4. The use of red or orange color for the quarantine mark shall be avoided.

Appendix 3

List of Epidemic Countries and Areas of Pine Wood Nematode

- 1. Japan, United States, Canada, Mexico, DPRK, ROK, Portugal, and China's Taiwan and Hong Kong regions.**
- 2. The countries or regions confirmed by the International Plant Protection Convention Organization (IPPC) or confirmed by other related research information.**