

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Animal Plant Health Inspection Service - APHIS
3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Eucalyptus logs, lumber, and wood chips
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: South America
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Importation of Eucalyptus Logs, Lumber, and Wood Chips, available in English, Volume 68, Number 178, PP.53910-53915 www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor
6. Description of content: APHIS is proposing to amend the regulations that govern the importation of logs, lumber, and other manufactured wood articles into the United States to require that logs and lumber of tropical species of Eucalyptus from South America be fumigated with methyl bromide or be heat treated prior to importation and that wood chips of tropical species of Eucalyptus from South America be fumigated with methyl bromide, heat treated or heat treated with moisture prior to importation. We are also proposing to allow wood chips derived from both tropical and temperate species of Eucalyptus from South America to be treated with a surface pesticide. These proposed changes are necessary in order to prevent the introduction of insect pests through the importation of eucalyptus logs, lumber, and wood chips from South America.
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: English
10. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined.
11. Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined.

12. Final date for comments: 14 November 2002 – please refer to Docket No.02-097-1.

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: National notification authority, National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

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