

TRANSLATION^s

General Administration for Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine Notice no. 11 (2005)

The quarantine requirements for wood packaging of imported merchandise are hereby notified as follows, pursuant to the Law of the People's Republic of China on Import-Export Animal and Plant Quarantine and its implementing Regulation, and with reference to International Standard no. 15 on Plant Quarantine Measures (Code of Conduct for the Administration of Wood Packaging Materials in International Trade) published by the International Plant Protection Convention, for the purposes of preventing noxious forest and tree organisms being brought into the country aboard the wood packaging of imported merchandise, and to protect the country's forest, ecological and tourism resources:

1 "Wood packaging" where referred to in this Notice shall denote wood material used for load-bearing, packaging, covering, support, and reinforcement of merchandise, such as woodboard boxes, batten boxes, wooden trays, wooden frames, wooden barrels, wooden shafts/rollers, wooden wedges, stow-wood, sleepers, and wood linings.

With the exception of the following:

Wooden material used for packaging that is manually combined or highly-processed by heat or pressure treatment, such as veneer, flakeboard and fibreboard.
Rotary-cutting chips from laminates, sawdust, wood-wool, wood shavings etc, as well as wooden material whose thickness is less than or equal to 6mm.

2 Wood packaging used for imported merchandise must have been treated by a phytosanitary sanitisation method confirmed by China, by a company accredited by the government phytosanitary body of the exporting country / region, and must have had the specific IPPC mark affixed that has been approved by the government phytosanitary body. The phytosanitary sanitisation methods are to be announced separately by AQSIQ.

3 Where wood packaging is used for imported merchandise, the owner of the merchandise or their agent must submit this to inspection by the local Import-Export CIQ body, and co-operate with the quarantine carried out by the Import-Export CIQ. Where no submission for inspection has been made, the Import-Export CIQ will administer penalties on the basis of applicable laws.

4 Import-Export CIQs shall practise regulation by category of the wood packaging of imported merchandise, practise enhanced information exchange with ports, shipping representatives and customs, and practise priority quarantine of goods for which wood packaging is regularly used by reviewing lists of goods and loading lists.

5 Where imported merchandise listed on the Category of Import-Export Merchandise for which Inspection and Quarantine shall be practised by Import-Export CIQs (hereafter "the Catalogue") uses wood packaging, CIQs shall issue a Customs

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Clearance Form for Imported Merchandise and perform quarantine of the wood packaging. Where wood packaging is used for merchandise not listed in the Catalogue, Import-Export CIQs may practise quarantine after the goods have been released by the Customs.

6 Where quarantine results show that the labelling of the wood packaging does not comply with requirements or noxious organisms are intercepted, Import-Export CIQs shall supervise the carrying-out by the owner of the goods or their agent of sanitisation treatment, disposal by destruction or contacting with the Customs to arrange return shipment together with the merchandise, the costs of which shall be borne by the owner of the merchandise. In the case of merchandise whose wood packaging has to undergo quarantine, parties must not take it into their own hands to use the merchandise when the quarantine has not yet been passed.

7 The provisions of this Notice shall apply to the wood packaging of merchandise coming from Hong Kong and Macau SARs, China, and the Taiwan region of China.

8 This Notice shall formally enter into effect as of 1 January 2006, at which point the existing Notices relating to regulations on quarantine of wood packaging of imported merchandise shall be repealed. Prior to the formal entry into implementation, Import-Export CIQs must accept the submission for inspection of wood packaging of imported merchandise which already complies with the provisions of Article 2 of this Notice.

Notice is hereby given.

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