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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China (AQSIQ)
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): Wood packaging material
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Countries and regions that export cargo with wood packaging material to the People's Republic of China
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Measures for the Administration of Imported Wood Packaging Material (Available in Chinese, 7 pages)
6. Description of content: AQSIQ proposes to adopt the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures No.15 "Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade" published by IPPC, and has drafted the measures for the administration of imported wood packaging material. The draft document requests that all wood packaging material entering into the People's Republic of China should be heat treated or fumigated with methyl bromide prior to export and marked with a globally approved mark officially adopted by National Plant Protection Organization of the exporting countries or regions. With regard to coniferous wood packaging material from countries or regions where pine wood nematode occurs, only heat treatment will be approved.
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: International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures No.15
9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Measures for the Administration of Imported Wood Packaging Material (Available in Chinese)

10. Proposed date of adoption: 1 March 2004
11. Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined.
12. Final date for comments: 10 February 2004 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
13. Texts available from: [] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: