

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| <b>1. Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA</u><br><b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>   |
| <b>2. Agency responsible:</b> General Administration of Quality Supervision and Inspection and Quarantine, Ministry of Agriculture   |
| <b>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):</b> Wood packing materials in use for transporting, packing, matting, supporting and reinforcing of commodities, such as cases, pallets, crating, drums, packing blocks, dunnage, load boards, pallet collars and skids, except for processed wood packing materials such as plywood and fibreboard  |
| <b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> EC member States  |
| <b>5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Public Notice of General Administration of Quality Supervision and Inspection and Quarantine, State Forestry Administration, General Administration of Customs and Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation [2002] No.58 (2 pages, available in Chinese)   |
| <b>6. Description of content:</b> AQSIQ local authorities have intercepted many times dangerous forest pests and species such as Cerambycidae, Scolytidae, Bostrychidae, Rhinotermitidea etc., associated with wood packing materials originating in the European Communities. Based on the result of pest risk analysis, and in order to protect the resources of forest, environment and tourism, an emergency interim phytosanitary measure shall be taken with regard to wood packing materials originating in the European Communities. The measure requires that the wood packing materials be treated with heat, fumigation or other effective methods approved by AQSIQ before the shipment. A Phytosanitary Certificate shall be issued by official authorities of the exporting county to certify that the above-described treatment requirements are met. |
| <b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> [ ] food safety, [ ] animal health, [ X ] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests  |
| <b>8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> To prevent dangerous forest pests from entering into China.  |

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| <p><b>9. International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b><br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties,<br/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b></p> <p>The notified measure is in conformity with the “Guidelines for Regulating Wood Package Material in International Trade” which was adopted at the fourth ICPM conference (March 2002 in Rome).</p> |
| <p><b>10. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Gazette of General Administration of Quality Supervision and Inspection and Quarantine, and/or Gazette of Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation (Available in Chinese)</p>  |
| <p><b>11. Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable):</b> 1 October 2002, duration to be decided.</p>   |
| <p><b>12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>  |
| <p><b>13. Texts available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>   |