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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>CANADA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)
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): <ul style="list-style-type: none">– HS Code: 441520000102 - Stand alone pallets, box pallets and other load boards, pallet collars - no ash material (shipborne dunnage)– HS Code: 441520000103 - Stand alone pallets, box pallets and other load boards, pallet collars - with ash material (shipborne dunnage)
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: RMD-20-02 Risk Management Document on Shipborne Dunnage Program. Language(s): English and French. Number of pages: 15 and 18 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/CAN/20_7472_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/CAN/20_7472_00_f.pdf
6. Description of content: Since 2008, all dunnage that is discharged in Canada is considered non-compliant as segregation of ISPM-compliant and non-compliant dunnage after discharge has been difficult. Inspection after discharge through piles of dunnage is a safety hazard and inefficient. Also, the CFIA periodically finds traces of living pests in ISPM-15-stamped wood packaging material, including shipborne dunnage. RMD-20-02 proposes four risk management options to uniformly, safely and efficiently manage shipborne dunnage brought into Canada. The recommended option is an audit-based program with preventive control plans that restrict reuse of shipborne dunnage during low-risk periods and asks for mandatory disposal during high-risk periods.
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. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM 15: Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade

<p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: The CFIA supports ISPM 15 and is committed to implementing programs promoting the use of ISPM-compliant wood packaging material (WPM). WPM compliant with ISPM 15 would normally be permitted to be discharged with no further restrictions. However, live pests are continuously found by the CFIA on ISPM-stamped WPM, including shipborne dunnage. CFIA has also found WPM without ISPM stamps to be co-mingled with stamped WPM, particularly with shipborne dunnage.</p> <p>Therefore, the CFIA is proposing four risk management options to safely and efficiently manage shipborne dunnage brought into Canada.</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Directive D-98-08: Entry requirements for wood packaging material into Canada, https://www.inspection.gc.ca/plant-health/plant-pests-invasive-species/directives/forest-products/d-98-08/eng/1323963831423/1323964135993 (English) Directive D-98-08: Exigences relatives à l'entrée au Canada des matériaux d'emballage en bois, https://www.inspection.gc.ca/protection-des-vegetaux/phytoravageurs-especes-envahissantes/directives/produits-forestiers/d-98-08/fra/1323963831423/1323964135993 (French)</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Summer 2021</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Summer 2021</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Late fall 2021 or early winter 2022</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 11 January 2021</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Canada's Notification Authority and Enquiry Point Technical Barriers and Regulations Division Global Affairs Canada 111 Sussex Drive Ottawa (Ontario) K1A 0G2 Canada Tel: +(343) 203 4273 Fax: +(613) 943 0346 E-mail: enquiry@international.gc.ca</p>