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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 6 April 2021, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Canada.

RMD-20-02 Risk management Document on Shipborne Dunnage Program

Since 2008, all dunnage that is discharged in Canada is considered non-compliant as segregation of International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM 15)-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 Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) periodically finds signs of living pests in ISPM-15-stamped wood packaging material, including shipborne dunnage. RMD-20-02 proposed four risk management options to uniformly, safely and efficiently manage shipborne dunnage brought into Canada. The recommended option (option 4) 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.

The recommended option, which received the majority of the support during the national and international consultation, is the selected option. It combines robust forest pest mitigation measures with a flexible and easy-to-apply approach that also promotes and encourages the use of ISPM 15 compliant material. The CFIA will be implementing option 4, as proposed with some improvements that were received during the consultation. The implementation of option 4 will require the relevant plant health directive (D-98-08) be amended to incorporate the new shipborne dunnage program, which will include a national and international consultation period.

The effectiveness of the selected option will be assessed over the next several years. The CFIA is moving in a graduated direction that will permit ISPM 15 compliant dunnage to enter Canada without restrictions.

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<https://inspection.canada.ca/plant-health/plant-pests-invasive-species/directives/pest-risk-management/rmd-20-02/eng/1616514111324/1616514111981> (English)

<https://inspection.canada.ca/protection-des-vegetaux/phytoravageurs-especes-envahissantes/directives/gestion-des-risques-phytosanitaire/dgr-20-02/fra/1616514111324/1616514111981> (French)

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