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MEMORANDUM TO:

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Canadian Lumber Standards Accreditation Board
Canadian Wood Packaging & Container Association
Facilities Registered in the Canadian Wood Packaging Certification Program

SUBJECT: FORESTRY PHYTOSANITARY ISSUES - UPDATE #9 - SHIPMENTS OF WOOD PACKAGING TO AUSTRALIA

In mid-June, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) was notified that commencing September 1, 2004, Australian import requirements will change slightly for the importation of wood packaging associated with commodities. The following is a summary of the revised Australian requirements which affects wood packaging associated with commodities moving in Canadian export trade:

- I. All wood packaging which is bark-free, inspected and found to be pest free, will be permitted entry to Australia. If pests are found, treatment will be applied to bring the packaging into compliance.
- II. Shipments may be expedited entry to Australia, under a facilitated "documentary clearance" process, provided the wood packaging material has been treated no longer than 21 days prior to containerization. Shipments that were treated prior to 21 days before containerization will be considered untreated and subject to inspection and re-treatment if pests are found.
- III. Shipments compliant with the requirements of policy D-01-05, The Canadian Wood Packaging Certification Program (CWPCP) for Export and containing the certification marks provided under that policy (*i.e.* the "ISPM No. 15 wheat sheaf" mark) will be accepted by Australia regardless of when the treatment was applied. The compliant wood packaging must be bark free and free of other quarantine concerns upon entry to Australia.

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The treatment applied must conform with one of the following:

- A. Heat treatment of the wood used in the construction of wood packaging in accordance with the conditions prescribed in policy D-03-02 : The Canadian Heat Treated Wood Products Certification Program (CHTWPCP) for export
www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveg/protect/dir/d-03-02e.shtml
or, heat treatment of the wood by a facility not currently registered in the CHTWPCP but formerly registered in the Kiln Dried Lumber Program (1992) or the Canadian Heat Treatment Verification Program (1993)
See lists located at:
www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveg/for/cwpc/kdhte.shtml.

Methods acceptable to verify treatment:

1. Heat treatment certificate issued in compliance with the CHTWPCP (Appendix 9); **or**,
2. Heat treatment certificate issued in compliance with the CWPCP for export; **or**,
3. Wood packaging certification mark applied by a registered facility under the CWPCP to at least two opposite sides of the packaging unit; **or**,
4. Phytosanitary certificate issued by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

OR,

- B. A fumigation certificate issued by a provincially-licensed pesticide applicator attesting to one of the following treatment schedules:

	Rate (g/m ³)	Duration (hr)	Temperature (°C)	Vacuum Pressure (mm)
Methyl Bromide	48	24	21	-
	64	4	21	660
	64	4	38097	660

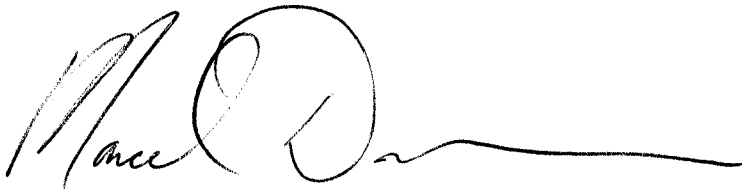
Note: These schedules are not equivalent to the treatments specified in the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15, *Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging in International Trade*.

OR,

- C. Gamma irradiation under specific conditions as specified on the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service Website:
(www.affa.gov.au/index.cfm).

Note: The Australian Quarantine Inspection Service recognizes certain treatments as being permanent for the preclusion of insect pests. Wood packaging produced with wood that has been treated with these treatments is not subject to the requirements for treatment within 21 days of containerization. Also, the treatment must be applied in a specific manner and includes some preservative treatments and some pesticide treatments. Further information on approved permanent treatments may be found in Appendix 1 of:

www.affa.gov.au/corporate_docs/publications/pdf/quarantine/border/cargo.pdf.

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