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Import and Export GRI's

Import FCL GRI's Started May 1st. Import GRI's are averaging \$300.00 / 20' cntr, \$400.00 / 40' cntr, and \$500.00 / 40' HC. Export GRI's are averaging

Export FCL GRI's are being phased in over time beginning May 1st. GRI's are ranging between \$200.00 and \$600.00 depending on destination.

The Quarantine Requirements on Wood Packing Materials (WPM) of Imported Consignments

■ **Enforcement Date** : June 1, 2005. (Shipping date)

■ **Regulated Articles**

All non-manufactured wood packaging materials(WPM) such as pallets, crating, dunnage, packing blocks, etc.

■ **Exempted Articles**

Plywood, veneer panel, particleboard, oriented strand board, wafer board, fiber board, densified wood, glued laminated wood, agglomerated cork, pulp, wood wool, wood flour, ground cork

■ **Regulated Areas**

All countries

■ **Requirements**

? All imported wood packaging materials should be treated by one of the following methods, and present the mark which certifies the approved treatment on two opposite sides of the WPM.

<Treatment methods>

- 1) Heat Treatment(HT): WPM should be heat treated at a minimum wood core temperature of 56° for a minimum of 30 minutes.
- 2) Methyl Bromide(MB) fumigation
WPM should be fumigated with methyl bromide as follows. The minimum temperature should not be less than 10° and the minimum exposure time should be 16hrs.

Temperature	Dosage rate	Minimum concentration(g/?) at:			
		0.5hrs.	2hrs.	4hrs.	16hrs.
21° or above	48	36	24	17	14
16° or above	56	42	28	20	17
11° or above	64	48	32	22	19

Provided, WPM made of *Pinus spp.*, *Larix spp.*, *Cedrus spp.* from Japan,China,Taiwan,US, Canada, Mexico,Portugal and WPM made of *Pinus spp.* from Vietnam should be fumigated with methyl bromide for 24hrs. The treatment standard is as follows. The minimum temperature should not be less than 10° and the minimum exposure time should be 24hrs.

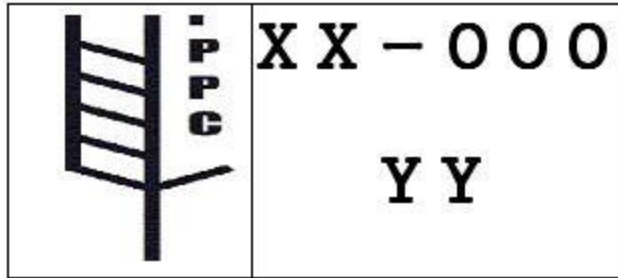
Temperature	Dosage rate	Minimum concentration(g/?) at:
		24hrs.
21° or above	48	24
16° or above	56	28
11° or above	64	32

? The Mark should contain the valid symbol approved by IPPC, country code, unique number of the producer/treatment facility designated by the National Plant Protection Organization(NPPO) of exporting countries and treatment methods (HT, MB)

■ **Non-compliance Measures**

- WPM without approved mark: Disposal or Return to the origin
- WPM with approved mark but with live regulated pests : Treatment or Disposal or Return to the origin

■ **Marking for Approved Measures**



- symbol
- ISO two letter country code followed by a unique number assigned by the NPPO to the producer of the wood packaging material, who is responsible for ensuring appropriate wood is used and properly marked
- IPPC(International Plant Protection Convention) abbreviation for the approved measure used (e.g. HT, MB)

**Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT)
Message from the Commissioner Announcing Security Criteria
March 25, 2005**

The Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) is the largest and most successful government-private sector partnership to emerge from the ashes of 9/11. Launched in November 2001, with only seven major importers, today C-TPAT has grown to more than 8,800 enrolled companies, which include United States importers, customs brokers, terminal operators, carriers, and some foreign manufacturers—all major players in the global supply chain.

From the beginning, voluntary participation and jointly developed security criteria, best practices, and implementation procedures were the guiding principles for C-TPAT. As the program has grown, so has our need for more clearly-defined security criteria to establish the minimum, baseline security expectations for membership in this voluntary, incentives-based program.

To this end, in late October 2004, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), in discussion with the trade community, began drafting more clearly-defined minimum-security criteria for importers wishing to participate in the C-TPAT program. After months of constructive dialogue, we have developed minimum-security criteria designed to accomplish two important goals: first, to offer flexibility for accommodating the diverse business models represented within the

international supply chain; and second, to achieve CBP's twin goals of security and facilitation. The threat of terrorism remains a real concern, and I believe it is now time to move from discussion to implementation.

Accordingly, the minimum-security criteria for importers will become effective on March 25, 2005. Importers who have not yet joined the C-TPAT program must meet or exceed these security criteria before being certified and eligible for program benefits. For current C-TPAT members, implementation will be phased in through three steps to ensure that an importer's security measures are consistent with these security criteria.

First, importers will have 60 days — until May 26, 2005 — to meet the container security, physical security, and physical access controls outlined in the new security criteria. These security elements will provide an immediate 'hardening' of the physical supply chain.

Second, within 120 days — or by July 26, 2005 — C-TPAT members will be expected to address internal or procedural security elements, including personnel security, procedural security, information technology security, and the establishment of a security training and threat awareness program. These security measures, internal to your company, will help strengthen overall supply chain management practices.

Third, importers will have 180 days — or until September 26, 2005 — to leverage their corporate strength to push security enhancements back into their supply chain, from point of stuffing to point of arrival and the CBP clearance process. These business partner requirements outlined in the security criteria are paramount to an effective supply chain security program.

As the C-TPAT program continues to evolve, we look forward to continuing our dialogue with the trade community and working in a proactive, positive way to improve supply chain security and the security of global trade. Together, we will build a safer, more efficient worldwide trade environment.

/s/

Robert C. Bonner
Commissioner

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