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Australien: Träemballage i plywood, förpackningsdeklaration m.fl. ändringar av importbestämmelser

Följande information från växtskyddsmyndigheten i Australien har kommit till Jordbruksverket via ett annat EU-land. För ytterligare frågor hänvisar vi till importören i Australien eller kontaktpersonen som anges sist i detta dokument.

"Australian requirements for wood packaging material - new plywood

I am writing to you regarding your email dated 11 June 2009 asking for clarification of the treatment requirements for imports of plywood packaging to Australia after publication of AQIS's Notice to Industry 23/2009. Following the publishing of this Notice to Industry and Notice to Industry 30/2009, AQIS has received a number of submissions regarding the treatment requirements for plywood/veneer packaging. Until the issues raised in these submissions have been fully considered, AQIS will continue to accept newly manufactured plywood/veneer statements. A further Notice to Industry (38/2009) has been published to advise stakeholders that documentation that meets AQIS requirements for packaging material made from newly manufactured plywood/veneer will continue to be accepted (providing the documentation also meets the manufacturers' declarations requirements as outlined in the Minimum Documentary Requirements Policy and summarised below).

All documentation presented to AQIS as part of the import process must be:

- complete, legible and in English;
- free from erasures and non-certified alterations;
- on manufacturer's letterhead including company name and address;
- signed by a representative of the body issuing the document and dated;
- valid (i.e. manufacturers' declarations must be less than 6 months old); and
- linked to the imported consignment by a unique identifier e.g. container number.

In addition, documentation for packaging material made from newly manufactured plywood/veneer must include:

- identification of the country of manufacture;
- the date of manufacture; and
- a statement that the plywood/veneer has not been pre-used.

Finally, the plywood/veneer must have been manufactured:

- within 3 months of export from all countries excluding Fiji, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vanuatu and Western Samoa; or

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- within 21 days of export if the plywood/veneer has been manufactured in Fiji, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vanuatu or Western Samoa.

Any timber packaging and dunnage not treated in accordance with ISPM 15 or plywood/veneer packaging not accompanied by a valid newly manufactured certification must have been treated offshore with one of the following treatments:

- a) methyl bromide[#] (T9047, T9075 or T9913) (refer to C5154);
- b) sulphuryl fluoride[#] (T9090);
- c) heat treatment[#] (T9912 or T9968);
- d) gamma irradiation (T9924) by an approved offshore provider;
- e) ethylene oxide (T9020) by an approved offshore provider; or
- f) permanent timber preservative treatment (T10023 or T10024)

[#] treatments a) – c) must be completed within 21 days of shipment or containerisation.

Go to http://netprod.aqis.gov.au/icon32/asp/ex_querycontent.asp and search for 'Timber packaging and dunnage'.

Where the packing material is a combination of both solid wood and plywood there is a requirement that both components be addressed. This has always been AQIS's requirement and has not changed due to the new documentation policy.

The International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, Revision of ISPM No. 15, Regulation of Wood Packaging Material in International Trade (ISPM 15) excludes 'wood packaging made from wood processed in such a way that it is free from pests'. AQIS accepts Newly Manufactured Certification of plywood/veneer used in packaging as it considers the manufacturing process used to produce plywood will render the plywood free of raw timber pests.

ISPM 15 clearly states that 'The phytosanitary measures described in this standard are not intended to provide ongoing protection from contaminating pests or other organisms'. AQIS is concerned with reinfestation of plywood after manufacture and therefore requires treatment options for plywood packaging where it is not accompanied by a Newly Manufactured Certification.

ISPM 15 compliant solid wood timber packaging will continue to be accepted post 1 August 2009 as there has been no change to AQIS's requirements for this packaging. There has also been no change to AQIS's requirements for packaging made solely from reconstituted wood products (e.g. particleboard, chipboard, hardboard (masonite), oriented strand board, medium and high density fibreboard).

At the moment, we have not considered imposing a limit on the number of different marks for repairs on each unit of WPM.

If you have any further concerns please contact me.

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