

Solid Wood Packing Material (SWPM) BANS

Country	Regulation Reference #	Description	Update
Australia		Quarantine Agencies have a policy regarding the fumigation of any wooden crates, boxes or pallets imported into their country from any country, not just China. You can have the wooden items chemically treated to an established standard in the country of origin, a certificate issued and this certificate must be produced on import otherwise the agency will fumigate the wood on arrival.	
Brazil	Regulation No. 499 dated of November 3, 1999	Brazil is requiring that all cargoes shipped with any wood material must have a fumigation certificate. This requirement applies to shipments from the United States, China (including Hong Kong and Macau), North and South Korea and Japan.	The Brazilians have removed the U.S. from the requirements for a phytosanitary certificate
Canada	Pest Risk Assessment	Canada is deciding whether to follow the new more stringent US guidelines (see below) or go with a 100% eradication policy.	
China	PRC ANNOUNCEMENT No.23	All solid wood packaging materials made from softwoods (conifer)and shipped from the US and Japan into China must be heat treated. Hard woods, plastic, corrugated, honeycomb, & metal pallets and crate packaging are exempt.	
European Commission	Council Directive 77/93/EEC	temporary emergency measures in respect of wood packing comprised in whole or in part of non-manufactured coniferous wood originating in Canada, China, Japan and the USA	
Finland	Decree number 53/00 (Register number 1643/561/2000, MAF, Finland)	Regulates the movement of coniferous wooden packing material originating in countries where pine wood nematode (Bursaphelenchus xylophilus) exists, into Finland. The countries in concern are: Canada, Peoples Republic of China, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Taiwan and USA.	
New Zealand		Quarantine Agencies have a policy regarding the fumigation of any wooden crates, boxes or pallets imported into their country from any country, not just China. You can have the wooden items chemically treated to an established standard in the country of origin, a certificate issued and this certificate must be produced on import otherwise the agency will fumigate the wood on arrival.	
United Kingdom	Statutory Instrument 1998 No3109	2-1-99, Hardwood pkg. landed in Great Britain and originated in China must be stripped of bark and free of grub holes >3mm or be kiln-dried.	
United States	7CFR 319.40	Wooden pallets, crating, dunnage, and other wooden packing material imported into the United States from China will have to be heat treated, fumigated, or treated with preservatives prior to departure from China.	
United States	Pest Risk Assessment	More stringent guidelines to come into affect 2001. Expected November. Policy outlines risks of exotic plant pests being introduced to the US by other countries. Open for comment by public until 2 15-01. Will require 56C for 30 minutes with <20% moisture content.	