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To : MSC Valued Clients
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Dear Valued Clients,

Re: Wood Packaging Materials entering into European Community

This serves to inform that with immediate effect, the European Union* has implemented the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures - ISPM 15 (Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Materials in International Trade) for wooden packaging materials imported from other countries.

Wooden packaging material in the form of packing cases, boxes, crates, drums and similar packings, pallets, box pallets, other load boards and pallet collars used for the transport of all kinds of objects are only allowed to enter the EU if the wood complies with the following conditions:

- ✍ the wood must be debarked;
- ✍ the wood must have been treated using the procedure described in ISPM 15
 - heat treatment at a temperature of 56°C for a period of at least 30 minutes
 - adequate fumigation
- ✍ the wood must bear a mark indicating the ISO code of the country, a code identifying the producer and a code identifying the approved measure applied to the wooden packaging material (ISPM 15).

Failure to comply with this regulation may result in container being returned to port of loading or cargo destroyed. Shippers will be held fully liable for any extra costs, fines and penalties which could arise as a consequence of non-compliance of this regulation.

Further information regarding this regulation is available from the following website :

www.ippc.int

We thank you for your kind attention. Please feel free to contact us if we could be of any further assistance.

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Yours sincerely,

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