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To All Importers / Exporters
All Clearing Agents
Shipping Companies
All Cargo Handling Airlines

RE: USE OF WOODEN PALLETS, CRATES, ETC. AS PACKING MATERIALS - DEADLINE FOR COMPLIANCE

In accordance with the guidelines for regulating wood and other plant packing materials in international trade as approved by the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), and with reference to our letter No. POPH.62/VOL.V/74 of 29/9/2003, it is hereby announced that with effect from 30th September 2004, all solid wood packing materials (SWPM) and other plant packing materials entering Nigeria MUST be heat-treated or fumigated and the type of treatment so stated on the Phytosanitary Certificate accordingly.

These packing materials include wooden pallets, dunnage or packing blocks, wooden crates, grass straws, etc.

It is also necessary to emphasize here that non-compliance to the above regulation may delay the due clearance process of the attendant imported materials, and may subsequently lead to the destruction or treatment (fumigation) of the packing materials depending on the level of pest infestations, or re-exportation, to country of origin all at the Importers expenses.

You are therefore advised to notify your overseas partners for strict compliance please. You are equally advised to contact us for treatment of your export packing materials to avoid any problems at country of destination.

This letter is copied to appropriate Government Agencies for information and necessary action.

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