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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NORWAY</u> If applicable, name of local government involved: Ministry of Agriculture and Food
2.	Agency responsible: Norwegian Food Safety Authority
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Wood packaging material that is actually in use or has been in use in the transport of objects of all kinds, including packing cases and boxes, crates, drums and similar packing, pallets, box pallets and other load boards, pallet collars, as well as wood used to wedge or support cargo. Wood and wood packing material consisting exclusively of raw wood of 6 mm thickness or less and wood and wood packing material consisting exclusively of processed wood produced by glue, heat and pressure, or a combination thereof, are not included.
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries exporting the products concerned to Norway.
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Regulations amending Regulations of 1 December 2000 no. 1333 relating to plants and measures against pests (available in English, 6 pages) (available in Norwegian: Forslag til forskrift om endring av forskrift 1. esember 2000 nr. 1333 om planter og tiltak mot planteskadegjørere)
6.	Description of content: The draft regulations amend Regulations of 1 December 2000 no. 1333 relating to plants and measures against pests, concerning import requirements for wood packaging material. According to the draft regulations wood packaging material entering Norway must have been treated and marked according to ISPM 15 (FAO International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures No 15 on Guidelines for regulating wood packaging material in international trade).
7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: FAO International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures No 15 on Guidelines for regulating wood packaging material in international trade

9.	<p>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Draft Regulations amending Regulations of 1 December 2000 no. 1333 relating to plants and measures against pests (available in English)</p> <p>Forslag til forskrift om endring av forskrift 1. desember 2000 nr. 1333 om planter og tiltak mot planteskadegjørere (available in Norwegian)</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption: December 2007</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: 1 January 2008</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: 12 October 2007</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Norwegian Food Safety Authority HK. Box. 383, N-2381 Brumunddal, Norway. E-mail: postmottak@mattilsynet.no</p>
13.	<p>Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>The electronic version of the draft text(s) can be downloaded from: http://www.mattilsynet.no/mattilsynet/multimedia/archive/00031/Draft_amendments_to__31431a.pdf</p>