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Russia Enforces ISPM-15 Guidelines

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Report Highlights:

Starting July 15, 2009, Russia began to enforce ISPM 15 “Guidelines for regulating wood packaging material in international trade.” The adoption of these rules harmonizes Russia’s regulation with international rules and procedures for wood packaging materials.

General Information:

Author Defined:

Russia enforces ISPM-15 guidelines

The Federal Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service updated its list of agricultural and food products, including forestry products, that require quarantine and phytosanitary certification by Russian

authorities. The new rules went into effect on July 15, 2009. These new regulations amend the previous requirements for imports as set forth in a document entitled “List of quarantine products (quarantine material and/or shipments) that are subjected to quarantine and phytosanitary control” dated December 11, 2006 (see GAIN RS 7011),. The quotations found below are from the document and explain how wood packaging material exports will be impacted by the new amendments.

The adoption of Provision # 3 means that Russia is enforcing ISPM-15. This amendment finalizes the procedure started by the Russian government in 2005. The objective of it is to harmonize the rules and procedures in international trade for wood packaging materials and prevent the spread of harmful pests to plants and produce.

Quotes of Amendments 3 and 4 of the document referring to forestry exports:

3. Wood packaging and fixture materials, exported from the territory of the Russian Federation, including packaging material for products that are not included in the list, must contain labeling procedures in compliance with ISPM #15 “Guidelines for regulating wood packing material in international trade” (Rome, 2002).

4. Transport vessels and facilities, including containers that may contain quarantine pests are subject to mandatory cleaning and disinfection and must be in compliance with the rules and norms for ensuring plant quarantine according to Article 9 of the Federal Law # 99-FZ “On Plant Quarantine enacted July 15, 2000”.

Table 1: List of Wood packaging Materials and Products, by Tariff Code of the Russian Federation

| Product Description | Tariff Code of the Russian Federation ^[i] | Required Phytosanitary Documents | | |
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| | | IQP | PC/QC | Act |
| Commodities of High Phytosanitary Risk ^[ii] | | | | |
| Firewood in the form of logs, billets, twigs, faggots or in similar types, except briquettes and pellets | 4401 10 000 | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Wood waste of coniferous wood species, except briquettes and pellets | 4401 21 000 0 | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Wood waste of hardwood species, except briquettes and pellets | 4401 22 000 0 | Yes | Yes | Yes |

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| Sawdust, not agglomerated, except briquettes and pellets | From 4401 30 | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Wood waste in logs and scraps, except briquettes and pellets | From 4401 30 900 0 | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or sapwood, or roughly squared, except treated with heat, paint, preservatives, or varnishes | 4403 (except 4403 10 000) | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Hoopwood; split poles; piles, pickets and stakes of wood, pointed but not sawn lengthwise; wooden sticks, roughly trimmed but not turned, bent or otherwise worked, suitable for the manufacture of walking-sticks, umbrellas, tool handles or the like; chipwood and the like. Except treated with heat, paint, preservatives, or varnishes. | From 4404 | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Tree bark | From 1404 90 000 0 and from 4401 30 900 0 | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Railway or tramway sleepers (cross-ties) of wood, not impregnated | 4406.10.000.0 | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or end-jointed, of a thickness exceeding 6mm (.236 inch) (lumber), except treated with heat, paint, preservatives, varnishes | From 4407 | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Wood (including strips and friezes for parquet flooring, not assembled) continuously shaped (tongued, grooved, rebated, chamfered, V-jointed, beaded, molded, rounded or the like) along any of its edges, ends or faces, whether or not planed, sanded or edge-jointed, except treated with heat, paint, preservatives, varnishes | From 4409 | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Packing cases, boxes, crates, drums and similar packings, of wood; cable-drums of wood; pallets, box pallets and other load boards, of wood; pallet collars of wood, only those that are commercial batch of packing materials | From 4415 | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Formwork for concrete construction, except treated with paint, preservatives | From 4418 40 000 0 | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Commodities of low phytosanitary risk ^[iii] | | | | |
| Casks, barrels, vats, tubs and other coopers' products and parts thereof, of wood, including staves | From 4408 | No | No | Yes |
| Windows, French windows and their frames, except heated, painted, varnished, preserved with anti-septic, glued | 4416 00 000 0 | No | No | Yes |
| Doors and their frames and thresholds, except | From 4418 10 | No | No | Yes |

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| heated, painted, varnished, preserved with anti-septic, glued | | | | |
| Shingles and shakes | From 4418 20 | No | No | Yes |
| Natural cork, raw or simply prepared | 4418 50 000 0 | No | No | Yes |
| Basketwork, wickerwork and other articles, made directly to shape, from planting materials; articles of loofah | From 4601 | No | No | Yes |
| Corrugated paper and paperboard, whether or not perforated, except products originating from countries where Khapra beetle (<i>Trogoderma granarium Ev</i>) is spread | From 4602 | No | No | Yes |
| Cartons, boxes and cases, of corrugated paper or paperboard, except products originating from countries where Khapra beetle (<i>Trogoderma granarium Ev</i>) is spread | From 4808 10 000 0 | No | No | Yes |

^[i] Specification “From...” this column means that the ‘certification and permits’ requirements are not applied to all commodities that are classified in accordance with this code. In these cases it is necessary to be guided by more detailed descriptions of the specific commodity in the code’s group.

^[ii] On the results of state quarantine phytosanitary control an Act of state quarantine and phytosanitary control is being issued. The Act contains the results of the control performed.

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