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Dear Dr. Faraglia,

We have been informed that The Italian Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries has circulated a memorandum to Italian industry stating that the US Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA/APHIS) only accepts the fire branded official logo of ISPM 15 on Wood Packaging Material in foreign commerce.

Please be advised that USDA/APHIS and the Customs and Border Protection Agency (CBP) is accepting markings according to the International Model found in ISPM 15 of indelible ink that are legible, permanent, non-transferable, and placed in a visible location on the articles being certified.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above statement, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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