



TREATMENT OF WOOD PACKAGING FOR THE U.S.A.

On September 16th 2005, U.S Customs and Border Protection (CBP) started enforcement of the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) import regulation for wood packaging material (WPM).

The U.S.A authorities are now implementing the 2nd phase of this plan.

The rule requires WPM such as pallets, crates, boxes, and dunnage used to support or brace cargo, to be fumigated and stamped. In case of non-compliance the WPM will be subject to immediate re-export from the USA along with the accompanying cargo.

Cargo will not be allowed to be fumigated upon arrival in the U.S. it will be exported back to the U.K. with all accompanying merchandise.

It is the Exporters responsibility to ensure that all WPM is treated and stamped, any costs incurred due to the return of the cargo to the UK because of non-treated WPM will be charged back to our Principal client. If required, we can arrange fumigation at our Ipswich depot, at your cost, provided that you let us know by the Monday prior to the vessel departure date. Please bear in mind that cargo must be fumigated, vented and all packages stamped by Friday.

With consolidated cargo, our warehouses will be asked to look out for WPM that is not marked and if WPM is found not to be stamped correctly, we will not ship the cargo but will charge dead freight.

It must be stressed however that it is not Unsworth (UK) Ltd responsibility nor their sub-contractors' to seek out non treated WPM and should the non compliant shipment be loaded, any costs incurred, as stated before, will be for the account of our Principal Client.

Thank you for your co-operation in supplying the **attached declaration on your letterhead or your client's** before exportation of your cargo. The authorities must be able to relate the declaration to the shipment, so it is important to show a reference that appears on all documents such as commercial invoice number, packing list number, order number or hb/l.

For full details please visit the APHIS website at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/wpm/import.html>

Failure to complete and return the attached declaration by Thursday noon may result in short shipment of your cargo.

Unsworth (UK) Ltd - Export Department

Please fax the completed declaration to 020 8539 2868