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SOLID WOOD PACKING MATERIALS TO BRAZIL



Asian Longhorned Beetle



Effective April 14, 2000, the United States was removed from the list of countries required to comply with Brazil's new regulations for imported solid wood packing material (SWPM) implemented due to the threat of the Asian Longhorned Beetle (*Anaplophora glabripennis*).

This means Brazil no longer requires U.S.-origin SWPM to be fumigated in the United States by a private company and endorsed by USDA-APHIS with a phytosanitary certificate before it is exported to Brazil.

Brazilian agricultural officials have notified port, airport, and border station inspectors of this new provision, and shipments of U.S. SWPM should no longer be subject to removal or replacement of the SWPM, either at the first port-of-entry or at the final point-of-destination in Brazil.

The United States was removed from the list of countries required to comply with Brazil's SWPM regulations after APHIS was able to assure Brazilian agricultural officials that the Asian longhorned beetle has a limited distribution in the United States, affecting only metropolitan Chicago and metropolitan New York/Long Island. The pest is native to east Asia.

APHIS currently manages an Asian longhorned beetle quarantine and eradication program to prevent the spread of the beetle to other parts of the United States. This quarantine and eradication program ensures that the Asian longhorned beetle is not associated with U.S.-origin SWPM, therefore, neither Brazil, nor other U.S. trading partners are at risk. Negotiations with Brazilian authorities emphasized the limited distribution of the Asian longhorned beetle in the United States. Based on these negotiations, Brazilian authorities committed to removing the United States from the group of countries subject to mitigation for the Asian longhorned beetle.

Brazil will reinstate the use of phytosanitary certificates under two sets of conditions: the current U.S. infestation of the Asian longhorned beetle spreads beyond Illinois and New York, or Brazilian officials detect the Asian longhorned beetle in a future U.S. shipment.

Countries still subjected to Brazil's SWPM requirements include, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, North Korea and South Korea.

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