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to whom it may concern

ISPM 15 – Wood Packing Material Regulations

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Dear Customer –

Please be informed about strengthened regulations for wood packaging materials:  
In 2002 Wood Packaging Material Regulations were put into effect in the U.S., but enforcement did not commence until 2005.

The main purpose of the regulation is to prevent the international transport and spread of disease and insects that could negatively affect plants or ecosystems.

Since non-compliance has been an issue, penalties will now go into effect in the U.S.

### **Assessment of Liquidated Damages –ISPM 15**

If the party whose bond is obligated at the time of the discovery of the violation has received an Emergency Action Notice (EAN) from CBP requiring export of the violated WPM,  
but fails to timely export, that party may have a liquidated damages claim issued by CBP.

- If a consumption entry is made and the goods were conditionally released, a liquidated damages claim shall be issued at three times (3x) the entered value of the merchandise but not greater than the bond amount.
- If a consumption entry is made, but the goods were not conditionally released, and the importer failed to comply with the EAN, the liquidated damages claim shall be the cost of the export or remediation but not greater than the bond amount.
- If an entry is not made and the carrier failed to comply with the EAN, a claim against the carrier will be issued. The liquidated damages claim shall be issued at the entered value of the merchandise, but not greater than the bond amount.
- If a party other than the carrier or importer failed to comply with the EAN, and that party is responsible for the merchandise under its custodial bond, a liquidated damages claim shall be issued at three times (3x) the entered value of the merchandise, but not greater than the bond amount.

Effective Nov. 1, 2017 U.S. Customs and Border Protection will penalize any documented violation of wood packaging material found to be non-compliant, eliminating the previous policy of allowing up to five violations before taking such action. There will be no annual reset for calculating repeat violations and each WPM violation may incur a penalty.