

August 16, 2005

Dear Supplier,

This is to inform you about Solid Wood Packaging Materials (Crates, Pallets, etc...) using as delivery and custody of import freight from foreign countries.

Please be informed that Solid Wood Packaging Materials for future shipments being imported to and exported from of the United States need to be specially treated for pests as stipulated by SEMARNAT, a Mexican Government Agency and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), whose main purpose is protect North American agriculture, forestry and natural environment from exotic plant pests.

As of September 16th 2005, SEMARNAT will begin phasing in a new regulation governing imported Solid Wood Packaging Materials, so all the shipments starting August 15 2005, into Mexico need to be specially treated for pests as mandated by SEMARNAT. Also please attach certification provided by a National Plant Protection Agency of your country, within B/L and invoice.

APHIS has also set standards for Wood Packaging Material imported into the USA through 7 CFR 319.40 - Importation of Wood Packaging Material, as published on September 16, 2004. This rule states that all regulated wood packaging material shall be appropriately treated and marked under an official program developed and overseen by the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) in the country of export.

All shipments originating inside of the Continental United States, after August 14, 2005 to CNI Inc. (Brena-Mex), 1661 Frontera Rd. Del Rio Texas, 78840, must comply with the SEMARNAT requirement. Shipments found to be non compliant will be returned to the supplier at the suppliers expense.

All shipments originating outside of the Continental United States, after August 14, 2005 to CNI, Inc. Owosso, Cadillac, or Madison Heights must comply with the APHIS requirement. Shipments found to be non compliant will be returned to the supplier at the suppliers expense.

More information regarding the SEMARNAT requirement, visit website: www.ippc.int. Additional information on the APHIS standard can be found at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/swp/import.html>.

Sincerely,
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