

CBP to Require Heat Treatment of Hardwood Firewood Imported into the U.S. from Canada Beginning December 15, 2008

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) recently issued a Port (Trade) Information Notice to notify the trade that enforcement of a federal order requiring heat treatment of hardwood firewood imported into the United States from Canada will begin on December 15, 2008. The order was issued by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to ensure that harmful wood pests that would endanger U.S. hardwood trees do not enter the U.S. through movement of hardwood firewood from Canada. The enforcement of the heat treatment requirement will affect both commercial and non-commercial shipments of hardwood firewood.

Heat Treatment Requirement

APHIS provides that all firewood made from any hardwood species be heat treated to a minimum temperature of 71.1 degrees Centigrade (160 degrees Fahrenheit) for 75 minutes.

As proof of treatment for commercial shipments, CBP will require that shipments of hardwood firewood are accompanied by a treatment certificate issued by the treatment facility. Non-commercial shipments must be accompanied by either a treatment certificate issued by the treatment facility or an attached treatment label. Passengers may be turned back to Canada to dispose of non-compliant hardwood firewood shipments.

For more information on hardwood pests and the federal order, please visit the APHIS website at www.aphis.usda.gov.

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