

**It's now Official!! Wood Packaging Material From Canada to lose "exempt" status under proposal from the USDA's APHIS division**

The specific wording was expressed in today's Federal Register and reads as follows:

"We are proposing to amend the regulations for the importation of unmanufactured wood articles to remove the exemption that allows wood packaging material from Canada to enter the United States without first meeting the treatment and marking requirements of the regulations that apply to wood packaging material from all other countries. This action is necessary in order to prevent the dissemination and spread of pests via wood packaging material from Canada."

The entire proposal can be found at this link:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-30206.htm>

Other sites that are mentioned within this proposal are"

- 1) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), USDA

Link: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov>

- 2) The Federal eRulemaking Portal (for comments and to follow):

Link:

<http://www.regulations.gov/search/Regs/home.html#docketDetail?R=APHIS-2010-0019>

Should you not be able to link to this proposal, please do not hesitate to contact your Norman G. Jensen representative for an immediate copy of same, whether on PDF or WORD document.

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