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Phytosanitary Requirements for Imported Forest Products

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Report Highlights:

SEMARNAT published the phytosanitary requirements that imported forest products and forest by-products must comply with. Industrial sources are not foreseen a negative impact on the U.S. forest imports

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes an emergency regulation published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on January 18, 2001.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary: The Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources - SEMARNAT - (formerly SEMARNAP) published an emergency rule which establishes the guidelines to obtain the phytosanitary requirements for imported forest products. The rule specifies the classification of a wide range of forestry products and by-products that upon import into Mexico, are subject to the presentation of a phytosanitary certificate and/or ocular inspection. These certificates are issued by the General Forestry Directorate or the Federal Delegations of SEMARNAT.

Among others, the new rule requires phytosanitary certificates for processed products such as plywood; furniture; musical instruments and pallets (see the list below). SEMARNAT stated this emergency rule will not impact U.S. forest imports, as the APHIS-issued phytosanitary certificates will serve to ensure that no undesired pests or diseases are transmitted from the U.S. to Mexico. That is currently enough for SEMARNAT.

Moreover, SEMARNAP officials pointed out the new rule does not change the current phytosanitary requirements that the GOM currently has. The main difference is that SEMARNAT will issue a Mexican import Phytosanitary Certificates instead of the previous Technical Format of Requirements (Formato de Requerimiento Tecnicos). Another difference is the new rule requires an import phytosanitary certificate for pallets (H.S.4415.10.01 & 4415.20.99). Before, pallet imports required only an ocular inspection. It is important to note that while SEMARNAT officials insisted that this change will not lead to delays at the border, several pallet importers have already confronted some difficulties in crossing. SEMARNAT officials recognized that some importers have suffered delays as they were not aware of this new rule. In order to resolve this problem, SEMARNAT is taking less than three days to issue the phytosanitary certificates.

Despite the fact that manufactured products and the manufacturing process eliminates any plant health risk, SEMARNAT included these products in the new rule as requiring a phytosanitary certificate. The main argument is that undesired pests have been detected on "supposedly" new furniture imported from several Asian countries (e.g., Hong Kong and Singapore).

Lastly, official sources indicated that as an Emergency Rule, it will be effective for six months starting as of January 19, 2001. There is no public comment period.

Title: Mexican Official rule of Emergency NOM-EM-002-RECNAT-2000, that it establishes the guide lines to obtain the phytosanitary requirements for forest products and forest by-products, when these are not established in a specific Mexican official rule.

Type of Regulation: Emergency, until the Proposed Regulation is published.

Important Dates

1. Publication Date: January 18, 2001

2. Effective Date: January 19, 2001

Products Affected:

Following is a table listing the products included in the SEMARNAT Emergency rule which is divided into three categories of products:

A) Products and forest By-products exempt of phytosanitary certificate of import and subject to ocular inspection.

<i>H.S. Code</i>	<i>Description</i>
4403.10.01	<i>Treated with painting, creosote or other preservatives.</i>
4406.90.99	<i>Other. Only new</i>
4408.10.01	<i>Coniferous.</i>
4408.31.01	<i>Dark Net Meranti, Light Net Meranti and Meranti Bakau.</i>
4408.39.99	<i>Other.</i>
4408.90.99	<i>Other.</i>
4409.10.01	<i>Wood strips and frames for furniture, frames, interior decoration, electric conduits and the like. Only when they have been subjected to drying process in stove, conservation treatments, treated with painting or with chemical products.</i>
4409.10.02	<i>Libocedrus decurrens small slabs with width not exceeding 10 cm and length not exceeding 20 cm suitable for the manufacture of pencils. Only when they have been subjected to drying process in stove, conservation treatments, treated with painting or with chemical products.</i>
4409.10.99	<i>Other. Only when they have been subjected to drying process in stove, conservation treatments, treated with painting or with chemical products.</i>
4409.20.01	<i>Wood strips and frames for furniture, frames, interior decoration, electric conduits and the like.</i>
4409.20.99	<i>Other. Only when they have been subjected to drying process in stove, conservation treatments, treated with painting or with chemical products.</i>

<i>H.S. Code</i>	<i>Description</i>
4412.13.01	<i>With at least one outer ply of the following tropical woods: Dark Red Meranti, Light Red Meranti, White Lauan, Sipo, Limba, Okume, Obeche, Acajou d'Afrique, Sapelli, Mahogany, Standing Palisander (Palisandre de Para), River Palisander and Rose Palisander.</i>
	<i>Only new</i>
4412.13.99	<i>Other.</i>
	<i>Only new</i>
4412.14.99	<i>Other, with at least one outer ply of nonconiferous wood.</i>
	<i>Only new</i>
4412.19.02	<i>Coniferous, plywood.</i>
	<i>Only new</i>
4412.19.99	<i>Other.</i>
	<i>Only new</i>
4412.22.01	<i>With at least one ply of tropical wood specified in subheading note 1 to this chapter.</i>
	<i>Only new</i>
4412.23.99	<i>Other, containing at least one layer of particle board..</i>
	<i>Only new</i>
4412.29.99	<i>Other.</i>
	<i>Only new</i>
4412.92.01	<i>With at least one ply of tropical wood specified in subheading note 1 to this chapter.</i>
	<i>Only new</i>
4412.93.99	<i>Other, containing at least one layer of particle board..</i>
	<i>Only new</i>
4412.99.99	<i>Other.</i>
	<i>Only new</i>
4421.90.99	<i>Others.</i>
	<i>Only new</i>
9209.92.01	<i>Parts and accessories for the musical instruments of heading 9202</i>
	<i>Only wooden parts and accesories</i>
9406.00.01	<i>Prefabricated buildings</i>
	<i>Only based on wood, when they have been subjected to drying operations in stove, fumigation, conservation with chemical products or treated with painting.</i>
	Note:
	<i>Pallets are included, pallets-crates, other platforms for loading and various wooden containers that support or protect various import commodities.</i>

B) Products and forest by-products subject to issuing of Phytosanitary Certificate of Import, by the General Directorate of Forestry.

<i>H.S. Code</i>	<i>Description</i>
0602.10.01	Unrooted cuttings and slips. Only unrooted forestry cuttings and slips.
0602.20.02	Grafting plants not exceeding 80 cms. Only pertaining to forestry
0602.90.02	Forest trees or shrubs.
0602.90.03	Cutting for grafting with a length not exceeding 80 cm. Only pertaining to forestry
0602.90.04	Plants with small roots. Only pertaining to forestry
0602.90.05	Buds. Only pertaining to forestry
0602.90.06	Rooted cuttings. Only pertaining to forestry
0602.90.99	Others. Only pertaining to forestry
0604.10.99	Others. Only forest moss.
0604.91.01	Foliage or leaves. Only pertaining to forestry
0604.99.01	Christmas trees. Only those not considered in NOM-013-RECNAT-1997.
0604.99.99	Others. Only pertaining to forestry
0802.11.01	In shell. Only for propagation
0802.21.01	In shell. Only for propagation.
0802.50.01	Fresh. Only for propagation.
0802.90.99	Others. Only Pinenuts with shell.
0909.90.99	Others Only pertaining to forestry
1209.99.99	Others. Only pertaining to forestry
1212.99.99	Others. Only pertaining to forestry
1401.10.01	Bamboos.
1401.20.01	Rattans.
1401.90.99	Other.
4401.10.01	Fuel wood, in logs, in billets, in twigs, in faggots or in similar forms
4401.21.01	Coniferous.
4401.22.01	Nonconiferous.

H.S. Code	Description
4401.30.01	Sawdust and wood waste and scrap, whether or not agglomerated in logs, briquettes, pellets or similar forms..
4403.20.99	Other, coniferous.
4403.41.01	Dark Net Meranti, Light Net Meranti and Meranti Bakau.
4403.49.01	White Lauan, White Meranti, White Seraya, Yellow Meranti, Alan, Keruing, Ramin, Kapur, Teak, Jongkong, Merbau, Jelutong and Kempas.
4403.49.99	Other.
4403.91.01	Of oaks (<i>Quercus</i> spp.), included red oak.
4403.92.01	Of beech (<i>Fagus</i> spp.)..
4403.99.99	Other.
4404.10.01	Plywood.
4404.10.99	Others.
4404.20.01	Bamboo rods, even rounded.
4404.20.02	Of ash wood, simply trimmed or round, suitable for canes, umbrellas, tool handles, and like items.
4404.20.03	Of beech or maple, simply trimmed or round, suitable for canes, umbrellas, tool handles, and like items.
4404.20.04	Plywood.
4404.20.99	Others.
4406.10.01	Not impregnated.
4406.90.99	Other.
4412.13.01	With at least one outer ply of the following tropical woods: Dark Red Meranti, Light Red Meranti, White Lauan, Sipo, Limba, Okume, Obeche, Acajou d'Afrique, Sapelli, Mahogany, Standing Palisander (<i>Palisandre de Para</i>), River Palisander and Rose Palisander. Only used
4412.13.99	Other. Only used
4412.14.99	Other, with at least one outer ply of nonconiferous wood. Only used
4412.19.01	With both outer plies of coniferous wood. Only used
4412.19.02	Coniferous, plywood. Only used
4412.19.99	Other. Only used
4412.22.01	With at least one ply of tropical wood specified in subheading note 1 to this chapter. Only used
4412.23.99	Other, containing at least one layer of particle board. Only used
4412.29.99	Other. Only used

H.S. Code	Description
4412.92.01	<i>With at least one ply of tropical wood specified in subheading note 1 to this chapter. Only used</i>
4412.93.99	<i>Other, containing at least one layer of particle board. Only used</i>
4412.99.99	<i>Other. Only used</i>
4415.10.01	<i>Cases, boxes, crates, drums and similar packings; cable-drums.</i>
4415.20.99	<i>Other.</i>
4418.10.01	<i>Windows, French-windows and their frames. Only used</i>
4418.20.01	<i>Doors and their frames, frames for French-Windows. Only used</i>
4421.90.99	<i>Others. Only used</i>
4601.10.01	<i>Platis and similar products of plaiting materials, whether or not assembled into strips Only of forest species.</i>
4601.20.01	<i>Of reed, esparto, osier, straw or shavings Only of reed, esparto, osier, straw or shavings.</i>
4601.20.99	<i>Others. Only of forest species.</i>
9403.60.99	<i>Other wooden furniture.</i>
9406.00.01	<i>Prefabricated buildings. Only based on wood, when they have not been subjected to drying operations in stove, fumigation, conservation with chemical products or treated with painting.</i>

C) Forestry products and subproducts, that upon import into Mexican territory, are subject to the presentation of a Phytosanitary Certificate, issued by the General Directorate of Forestry or the Federal Delegations of the Secretariat of the Environment, Natural Resources (SEMARNAT), considering that the entrance point, the final destination of the product or the location of the legal business name of the import company, correspond to their territorial district.

<i>H.S. Code</i>	<i>Description</i>
4407.10.01	<i>Of ocote or pinabete, or fir (oyamel) in tables, planks or beams.</i>
4407.10.02	<i>In slabs, large boards or beams, except that under subheading 4407.10.01.</i>
4407.10.99	<i>Others.</i>
4407.24.01	<i>In slabs, large boards or beams.</i>
4407.24.99	<i>Others.</i>
4407.25.01	<i>Dark Net Meranti, Light Net Meranti and Meranti Bakau.</i>
4407.26.01	<i>White Lauan, White Meranti, White Seraya, Yellow Meranti and Alan.</i>
4407.29.01	<i>Keruing, Ramin, Kapur, Teak, Jongkong, Merbau, Jelutong, Kempas, Okumé, Obeché, Sapelli, Sipo, Acajou d'Afrique, Makoré, Iroco, Tiama, Mansonia, Ilomba, Dibétou, Limba or Azobé.</i>
4407.29.99	<i>Other.</i>
4407.91.01	<i>Of oaks (Quercus spp.), included the oak.</i>
4407.92.01	<i>Whenever none of its sides exceeds 18 cm and length equal to or greater than 18 cm, but not exceeding 1 m.</i>
4407.92.99	<i>Others.</i>
4407.99.01	<i>In slabs, large boards or beams, except that under subheading 4407.99.05.</i>
4407.99.02	<i>Of ash wood, when none of its dimensions exceeds 18 cm and length exceeding 48 cm, but not 1m.</i>
4407.99.03	<i>Large boards of a width not exceeding 10 cm and length not exceeding 70 cm, of Western red cedar (Thuja Plicata).</i>
4407.99.05	<i>Of the following species: Acer spp., Alnus Rubra, Prunus spp., Liriodendron Tulipifera, Betula spp., Carya spp., Carya Illinoensis, Carya Pecan and Juglans, spp Only of the species Juglans spp.</i>
4407.99.99	<i>Others.</i>