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Traders of wooden craft items and trade associations in Hong Kong

Dear Sir,

USDA suspends importation of certain wooden craft items from China

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced that beginning 1 April 2005, its Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) will suspend the importation of craft items from China that contain wooden logs, limbs, branches, or twigs greater than 1 centimeter in diameter and with intact bark under phytosanitary concerns. The suspension applies to items arriving in the United States after 1 April 2005. APHIS has prepared a factsheet on this matter at the following website:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/pubs/fsheet_faqs_notice/faq_phmanufacturedwood.htm

The suspension does not apply to wooden craft items produced in and exported from Hong Kong. However, the suspension applies when:

1. the origin of the wood used to manufacture wooden craft items, which fall within the regulated category, is China, or
2. the wooden craft items are produced in and exported from China to the United States via Hong Kong.

Manufactured wood items that have been heat treated or fumigated with methyl bromide and have had 100% of the bark removed are not subject to import suspension. Details specifying the treatments can be found in their regulatory provisions 7 CFR319.40 – 7, paragraphs (c) through (f). These provisions can be found at the web address:

<http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=2ed1b3489b0ca4845c7c4d14fc4ba4a2&rgn=div8&view=text&node=7:5.1.1.1.6.7.49.7&idno=7>.

Please contact our Plant and Pesticides Regulatory Division at 2150 7000 for queries about this letter. We should be most grateful if trade associations would promulgate this message to your members.

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for Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation

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