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# **FUMIGATION FAX**

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## **Update on Argentina Import Phytosanitary Requirements**

Argentina's Local Sanitary Bureau (SENASA) has issued Resolution 19/2002, effective January 29, 2003, which requires importers to declare all wood packing material and wood cargo in Customs on the bill of lading. It also requires the implementation of an Argentine Phytosanitary Inspection System for this wood packaging and support material regardless of the nature of the product they transport. A transition period of 90 days has been granted to Argentina importers, so that they can take appropriate actions to comply with the new requirements. After the grace period, undeclared or improperly declared freight to Argentina may result in fines for the consignee.

According to the Resolution, Argentine Customs will conduct random inspections when a shipment carrying wood packaging and support material arrives at an Argentina port. If the cargo is found to be infested with quarantine pests, the wood cargo will either have to be fumigated to remove the pests or be destroyed. Resolution 19/2002 allows methyl bromide as one of the choices of treatment at the Argentina port. After treatment, the cargo will be re-inspected to determine effectiveness of treatment. These treatments, if required, would be considered a quarantine application for the Argentina fumigators.

Fumigation of wood packaging/wood cargo in the U.S. might expedite movement of the cargo through the Argentina ports. However, at this time, fumigation in the U.S. is not a mandatory requirement by Argentina. Therefore, this would be considered a voluntary treatment in the U.S. and would not qualify as a Quarantine and Preshipment (QPS) application. We will let you know if this requirement changes.

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