

# FUMIGATION FAX

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## Solid Wood Packing Materials Shipped to China

Many of you have heard rumors that China has changed their requirements for treatment of Solid Wood Packing Materials (SWPM) in imported cargo. China did announce a new SWPM regulation in July to allow fumigation, but **only** for SWPM being shipped from the European Union (EU) to China. The China requirements for SWPM shipped into China from the U.S. have NOT changed. The current authorized treatment for SWPM shipped from the U.S. to China is heat treatment.

In an effort to clarify these rumors, USDA issued an Industry Alert on their website this month, which states "As of September 10, 2002 please be advised that Solid Wood Packing Regulations for US SWPM to Peoples Republic of China have NOT changed. There is no new requirement nor authorization at this time for the fumigation of either softwood or hardwood packing materials destined to China.. ."

Within the next few months USDA is meeting with China to discuss SWPM regulations with regard to global harmonization of requirements. For example, the European Union currently authorizes fumigation as a method of treatment for SWPM from the U.S., and Australia requires that SWPM and other wood products from the U.S. be treated with methyl bromide before entry into Australia.

We will keep you updated on any changes in SWPM regulations. Updates or changes in SWPM regulations can also be found at the following USDA website, [www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/swp](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/swp). This website links to SWPM regulations for Argentina, Australia, Brazil, China, and European Union. If you have questions, please give us a call.

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