

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>JAMAICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Wooden pallets from Trinidad and Tobago
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Trinidad and Tobago
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Plant Quarantine Measure Implemented To Prevent the Introduction of <i>Heterobostrychus sp</i> and <i>Lyctus sp.</i> into Jamaica. All wooden pallets must be fumigated prior to shipping or in transit. Shipment must be accompanied by the appropriate Phytosanitary Certificate indicating treatment (1 page).
6.	Description of content: Import restriction imposed due to the need to prevent introduction of contaminated wooden pallets into Jamaica from Trinidad and Tobago.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: The Plant Quarantine Department has intercepted the <i>Heterobostrychus aequalis</i> and <i>Lyctus brunneus</i> on wooden pallets used for packing petroleum supplies from Trinidad and Tobago. These insects are not known to occur in Jamaica. These insects are known to be pests of starchy wood used in the manufacture of boxes, pallets, panels and furniture.
9.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
10.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Plant Quarantine Measure Implemented to Prevent the Introduction of <i>Heterobostrychus sp</i> and <i>Lyctus sp.</i> into Jamaica.
11.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 18 December 2002

12.	Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National notification authority, [] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
13.	Texts available from: [X] National notification authority, [] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: