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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication from the United States is being circulated:

The U.S. department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) published an interim rule concerning solid wood packing material from China in the Federal Register (FR) on 18 September 1998, which was notified to the WTO as G/SPS/N/USA/137. This addendum document published in the 23 October 1998 FR clarifies the effective date of the interim rule. In the interim rule, APHIS amended the regulations for importing logs, lumber, and other unmanufactured wood articles by adding treatment and documentation requirements for solid wood packing material imported from China. That rule is scheduled to take effect on 17 December 1998. We are clarifying that the requirements of the rule apply to shipments that depart China for the United States on or after 17 December 1998, but do not apply to shipments that depart China prior to that date, even if such shipments arrive in the United States after 17 December 1998.
