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## Background

On December 20, 2021, GACC published Announcement No. 110 of 2021 titled *Phytosanitary Requirements for Pine Wood from Countries with Pine Wood Nematode Presence*. The announcement updates phytosanitary requirements for imports of pinewood logs and lumber from seven countries (the United States, Canada, Japan, South Korea, Mexico, Portugal, and Spain) with pinewood nematode (PWN) presence. The announcement provides guidelines for testing and treating pinewoods prior to export (Section 4.1 – 4.2), phytosanitary certificate requirements (Section 4.4), and port of entry quarantine requirements (Section 5). Additionally, the announcement designates ports in five provinces for receiving imports of pinewoods (see Annex). Importantly, the designated ports of entry for pinewoods originating from the seven countries differs from China’s “*List of Designated Regulatory Sites for Imported Logs*” released by GACC on November 24, 2021 (see USDA GAIN report [CH2021-0163](#)). Whereas the designated regulatory site list from November 24 distinguishes between sites that function as either a quarantine site or treatment area and all other sites, Announcement No. 110 requires exports of pinewood from affected countries to enter China through a narrower list of ports.

Announcement No. 110 does not provide any treatment or fumigation option at the port of entry for non-compliant consignments. Non-compliant consignments will be subject to rejection or destruction and may result in the suspension of imports from related enterprises and production areas. The announced requirements will go into effect on February 1, 2022.

This report provides an unofficial translation of the announcement and the phytosanitary requirements.

## **BEGIN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION**

Phytosanitary Requirements for Pine Wood from Countries with Pine Wood Nematode Presence

( GACC Announcement No. 110, 2021 )

Pinewood nematode (PWN) is China's imported plant quarantine harmful organism, and national forestry quarantine harmful organism, which leads to severe hazardous forestry disease and significantly threatens forestry production and ecological security. China's forestry and grassland authorities have adopted strict control measures against it. In the aim of preventing introduction of pinewood nematode, according to China's related laws, regulations, and International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, after risk assessment, it is hereby announced the phytosanitary requirements for pinewood imported from identified countries with pinewood nematode presence.

This announcement takes effect on February 1, 2022.

It is hereby announced.

General Administration of Customs, People's Republic of China

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### **Phytosanitary Requirements for Pine Wood Imported from Identified Countries with Pine Wood Nematode Presence**

#### **1. Quarantine Basis**

( 1 ) "Law of the People's Republic of China on Entry and Exit Animal and Plant Quarantine" and "Implementation Regulations of the Law of the People's Republic of China on Entry and Exit Animal and Plant Quarantine";

( 2 ) "The Biosafety Law of the People's Republic of China";

( 3 ) International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures.

#### **2. Commodity Name**

The scientific name of pine in this announcement is *Pinus spp.* and the English name is Pinewood, including logs and lumber.

#### **3. Applicable Countries**

Canada, Japan, South Korea, Mexico, Portugal, Spain, and the United States.

#### **4. Quarantine Before Export**

##### *(1) Logs*

- a ) Before export, the plant quarantine authority of the exporting country shall conduct laboratory testing of *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* on samples of each batch of logs exported to China. If pinewood nematode is detected, the logs shall not be exported to China.
- b ) If pinewood nematode is not detected, each batch of logs should be fumigated with methyl bromide or sulfuryl fluoride before export to ensure that long horned beetles and other forest pests are killed.

##### *(2) Lumber*

- a ) Before export, heat treatment should be applied to each batch of exported lumber to kill pinewood nematodes, long horned beetles and other forest pests.
- b ) If no heat treatment has been implemented, sample for laboratory testing of pinewood nematodes and implement fumigation in accordance with Article 4(1) of this requirement.

##### *(3) Supervision of Quarantine Treatment*

The fumigation treatment or heat treatment of the pine wood exported to China before export should be implemented under the supervision of the competent plant quarantine authority of the exporting country to ensure the effectiveness of the quarantine treatment.

##### *(4) Phytosanitary Certificate Requirements*

- a) For logs or lumber eligible for export quarantine, the competent plant quarantine authority of the exporting country shall issue a phytosanitary certificate.
- b) For the logs or lumber subjected to laboratory test and fumigation treatment, the phytosanitary certificate should indicate the type, duration, ambient temperature and dosage of the fumigant, and the additional statement should indicate: "This consignment of pinewood has been sampled and tested in laboratory, and *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* was not detected."
- c) For lumber subjected to heat treatment before export, the phytosanitary certificate shall indicate the center temperature and duration of the heat-treated lumber.

#### **5. Entry Quarantine**

China Customs shall implement quarantine in accordance with the following requirements when pinewood arrives at China's entry port.

(1) Imported pinewood shall enter the country through a designated port (see attachment for the list of ports), which is located in a pinewood nematode epidemic area determined by China.

(2) Check whether the phytosanitary certificate meets the requirements of Article 4(4) of this Requirements.

(3) Implement quarantine on imported pinewood and take samples for laboratory testing of pinewood nematodes in accordance with relevant laws, administrative regulations, and rules. Those who pass the quarantine inspection are allowed to enter the country.

(4) This batch of pine wood shall be returned or destroyed if live forest pests such as pinewood nematode or long horned beetle are detected. GACC will promptly notify the competent plant quarantine authority of the exporting country and may suspend the import of pinewood from related enterprises and production areas as appropriate.

## **6. Retrospective Evaluation**

According to the dynamics of the pinewood nematode epidemic situation and the interception at the port, GACC conducts risk assessment and adjusts the phytosanitary requirements based on the assessment results.

## **Annex**

### **List of Designated Ports of Imported Pine Wood from Countries with Pine Wood Nematode Presence**

Jiangsu Province: Lianyungang (Ganyu port, Yanwei port and Xindongfang wharf); Nanjing (Longtan wharf, Xinshengwei port)

Zhejiang province: Beilun port of Ningbo, Zhoushan port, Wenzhou port and Taizhou port

Fujian province: Fuzhou port (Mawei, Jiangyin)

Shandong province: Huangdao port, Rizhao port, Lanshan port of Rizhao, Dongjiakou port

Guangdong province: Nanhaisanshan port of Foshan, Xingang of Zhaoqing, Huangpu port, Dongguan port, Wanzai port of Zhuhai, Guang'ao port of Shantou

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## **Attachments:**

No Attachments.