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# Compliance Announcement: Penalty Revision for Wood Packaging Materials

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**E**ffective November 1, 2017, the U.S. Customs & Border Protection Agency has announced that responsible parties may be issued a penalty under Title 19 United States Code (USC) § 1595a(b) or under 19 USC § 1592 for wood packaging materials (WPM) violations. In order to mitigate and prevent exotic timber pests from invading America's ecosystem, the CBP, in line with the International Standards of Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM), has ordered non-exempt WPM imported to the United States to be treated at approved facilities at origin point and then marked accordingly.

For more information, visit the [U.S. Customs and Border Protection here](#).



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