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**TO** : **National Associations**  
**Delegates, Airfreight Institute (AFI)**  
**Delegates Multimodal Transport Institute (MTI)**  
**Delegates Customs Affairs Institute (CAI)**

**cc** : **Extended Board**  
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**FROM** : Sandro Consoli, Manager Airfreight Institute (AFI), Customs Affairs Institute (CAI) and  
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**SUBJECT** : **Indian Government Wood Packing Import Restriction**

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**IMPORTANT**

Dear Members and Delegates,

With our Doc. CAI/030 2004-03-30 we informed you that that wooden packing is subject to import restriction in India and need a certificate of fumigation issued by the country of export.

As this information has been published very late by the Indian government despite the order has been ratified in November 2003 the Indian government, upon complaints by importers and some Asian countries, has deferred the introduction of the order to the **1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2004**.

Also this information attached is not yet published in the website of the Indian government.

As per this order, all consignments, which have been packed with packaging materials - any kind of material of plant origin used for packing which include hay, straw, wood shavings, wood chips, saw dusts, wood waste, **wooden pallets**, dunnage mats, **wooden packages**, coir pith, peat or sphagnum moss etc. and imported into India by Air and Sea require phytosanitary certificate from the country of origin. This is mandatory.

**However, it is advisable to start already today to provide the certificate for wooden packages shipped to India. Certain transport means take one month and more to India and if they arrive after June 1, 2004 it could create difficulties for the importers.**

The Shippers should strictly follow the provisions of "The Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order 2003" - this Order can be obtained by visiting [www.plantquarantineindia.org](http://www.plantquarantineindia.org).

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**NOTIFICATION**  
**Dated 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2004**

In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Destructive Insects and Pests Act, 1914 (2 of 1914), the Central Government hereby makes the following Order further to amend the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003, namely:-

1. (1) This Order may be called the **Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Second Amendment) Order, 2004.**  
  
(2) It shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.
  
2. In clause 1 of the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003, in sub-clause (2), for the figures, letters and words "1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2004", the figures, letters and words "1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2004" shall be substituted.

Sd/-  
(Smt. Anjali Prasad)  
Jt. Secy.

**S.O. 427(E)**  
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**Ministry of Agriculture**  
**(Department of Agriculture and Cooperation)**  
**New Delhi.**

**Note:** The Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003 was published in the Gazette of India *vide* S.O. 1322(E), dated 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2003 and subsequently amended *vide* S.O. 167(E), dated 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2004.