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FROM : Sandro Consoli, Manager Airfreight Institute (AFI), Customs Affairs Institute (CAI) and Advisory Body Information Technology (ABIT)

SUBJECT : **Indian Government Wood Packing Import Restriction**
Import of Wood Packaging Material (Plant Quarantine Regulation, Order 2003)

IMPORTANT

Dear Members and Delegates,

With our Doc. CAI/030 2004-03-30, CAI/032 2004-04-07 and CAI/037 2004-06-02) we informed you that wooden packing is subject to import restriction in India and need a certificate of fumigation or phytosanitary certification issued by the country of export.

Officially the regulation was foreseen to enter into force on June 1, 2004 and deferred until further notice.

Meanwhile, Indian customs decided to enforce the Plant Quarantine Regulation, Order 2003 on November 1, 2004.

Enclosed please find the Circular No. 39 dated June 3, 2004 (Implementation of provisions of clause (3) sub-clause (22) of Plant Quarantine) (enclosed).

Further, the Indian Customs issued a notification dated May 31, 2004 with amendments in the regulation and added to sub-clause (20) **clause (20A)** (enclosed),

In condensed form clause (20A) stipulates that a phytosanitary certificate is not required if the wood packaging or material is treated and marked according to ISPM-15 guidelines. The guidelines are enclosed.

That means that the Indian customs adopt the same rules and regulations which have already introduced other countries (US, Canada, Europe and Australia)

Please inform your members accordingly!!!
