NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** China  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** General Administration of Customs, P. R. China |
| **3.** | **Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):** Plant and plant products |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ]** **All trading partners**  **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** Canada, Japan, Korea, Republic of, Spain, Mexico, Portugal, United States of America |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Notification of Emergency Measures for Plant Quarantine Requirements for Import of *Pinus* spp. in Countries Suffering from *Bursaphelenchus lignicolus*. **Language(s):** Chinese. **Number of pages:** 6  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/CHN/22_0099_00_x.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** In order to prevent the introduction of *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* in imported *Pinus* spp. into China, General Administration of Customs has decided to, from February 1, 2022, adopt the following quarantine measures for imported *Pinus* spp. (including logs and sawn timbers) from countries identified as occur areas of *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* (Canada, Japan, South Korea, Spain, Mexico, Portugal and the United States):   1. Laboratory testing and quarantine treatment before export Logs: Before export, the plant quarantine department of the exporting country shall conduct sampling and laboratory testing of *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* for every batch of logs exported to China. Where *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* is detected, such batch of logs shall not be exported to China; where *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* is not detected, before export, such batch of logs shall be subject to fumigation by methyl bromide and sulfuryl fluoride to kill the forest pests such as long-horned beetles. 2. Sawn timbers: Before export, each batch of sawn timbers to be expoted shall be subject to heat treatment to kill forest pests such as  *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* and long-horned beetles; where the heat treatment is not carried out, the samples shall be taken for the detection of *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus*; where *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus*is detected, such batch of sawn timbers shall not be exported to China, where *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* is not detected, such batch of sawn timbers shall be subject to fumigation*.* 3. Imported *Pinus* spp. shall enter China from the port designated by China and located in an occur area of *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* identified by China. 4. Upon entry of *Pinus* spp. the Chinese port shall carry out quarantine. Where the *Pinus*spp. live pests such as *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* or long-horned beetles are detected, such batch of *Pinus* spp. shall be returned or destroyed, and the import of *Pinus* spp. from the corresponding enterprises and growing area shall be suspended, if appropriate. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ]****food safety, [ ]****animal health, [****X] plant protection, [ ]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [****X] protect territory from other damage from pests.** |
| **8.** | **Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:**  *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* is a very important quarantine nematode that seriously endangers the safety of pine forests of China. Since its outbreak in China in 1982, *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* epidemic has spread quickly and caused serious damages. In order to prevent the continuous spread of the *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* epidemic, China has taken strict management and control measures, strengthened control of wood infected with *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* and its products, and strictly conducted the harmless disposal of wood infected with *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus*. The *Pinus* spp.in the occur areas shall not be transported out of the occur areas. Instead, it shall be pulverized, sliced, or destroyed on the spot. Since 2020, China Customs has detected live *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* in imported *Pinus* spp. many times, posing a serious threat to forestry production and ecological security of China. These Emergency Measures are issued to prevent the introduction of *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* in the imported *Pinus* spp.. |
| **9.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**  **[ ]** **Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**  **[ ]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[****X] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  ISPM 13, ISPM 20  **[ ]** **None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[****X] Yes [ ]** **No**  **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** |
| **10.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** |
| **11.** | **Date of entry into force (*dd/mm/yy*)/period of application (as applicable):** 1 February 2022  **[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ]****National Notification Authority, [****X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  WTO/SPS National Notification and Enquiry Center of the People's Republic of China  Tel: +(86 10) 5795 4645 / 5795 4642  Email: sps@customs.gov.cn |
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