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To: Our Valued Clients

We would like to advise you regarding a new requirement concerning solid wood packing material used in shipments to the People's Republic of China.

Effective for shipments departing the U.S. on or after January 1, 2000, Chinese Customs will require United States Department of Agriculture certification of heat treatment for all conifer (e.g. pine, spruce hemlock or fir) solid wood packing material. In case conifer wood packing material is not used an exporter certification that none of the packing material is conifer wood is acceptable.

The certification must be on company letterhead, be signed by a responsible party and indicate one of the following:

- The packing material in this shipment contains no solid wood.
- The solid wood packing material in this shipment contains other than conifer wood.
- The solid wood packing material in this shipment contains conifer wood that has been heat treated to a core temperature of 56 degrees Celsius for a minimum of 30 minutes.

If the solid wood packing material is heat treated the United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) must also certify that the conifer wood packing material in the shipment has been heat treated. APHIS can be reached at (617) 565-7030 or at their web site www.aphis.usda.gov. Look under Hot Topics.

I would suggest that you contact your supplier's of pallets, crating or dunnage and determine if you are using any conifer wood products in any part of your shipments.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
Seajet Express Inc.

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