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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 European Union.

Effective for shipments departing the U.S. on or after October 1, 2001, The European Union will impose new rules on wood packed shipments from the United States, Canada, Japan and China. The rule targets wood products made from coniferous wood trees. Coniferous wood may carry the pinewood nematode, a microscopic eel worm that has caused extensive tree damage around the world.

The European Union has informed the governments of the United States, Canada, Japan and China that non conforming shipments will be refused entry, destroyed or treated at the shipper's expense. Complying with the new packing requirements may require off loading of the goods from wood packing, which may significantly delay delivery.

The new European Union Rules will require that all new or used coniferous wood packing to be:

- ❖ Heat treated or kiln dried to a minimum core temperature of 56 degrees Celsius for no less than 30 minutes in a government approved closed chamber or kiln.
- ❖ Pressure treated with an approved chemical
- ❖ Fumigated with an approved chemical.
- ❖ Display a mark indicating treatment facility and its location.

No specific documentation requirements have been proposed as yet. We would encourage you to include statements about the composition of the packing material on commercial invoices, packing lists and bills of lading in order to avoid delays in delivery of your shipments.

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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