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**Dear Mr. Sergey Dankvert**

Subject: Phytosanitary requirements for importing Lumber and Log (without Bark) of coniferous from Russian Federation to Islamic Republic of Iran

Please kindly find the attachment on phytosanitary requirements for importing **Lumber and Log (without Bark) of coniferous (*Pinus* sp., *Cupressus*, *Abies* sp., *Picea* sp., *Juniperus* sp., *Cedrus* sp., *Pseudotsuga* sp.)** from Russian Federation to I.R.Iran. The import will be possible with mentioned requirements and inspection will be carried out by plant quarantine officials at the customs entry points.

your Sincerely

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**Director of**

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*Pseudotsuga* sp.) from Russian Federation to Iran**

1- Valid phytosanitary certificate from Russian Federation, in which freeness of  
consignment from the following pests is indicated in the Additional Declarations (AD):

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| - <i>Monochamus</i> spp.       | - <i>Platypus</i> spp.              |
| - <i>Dendroctonus</i> spp.     | - <i>Sirex</i> spp.                 |
| - <i>Tomicus</i> spp.          | - <i>Ophiostoma</i> spp.            |
| - <i>Fusarium circinatum</i>   | - <i>Lanchnellula willkommii</i>    |
| - <i>Gremmeniella abietina</i> | - <i>Bursaphelenchus mucronatus</i> |
| - <i>Armillaria ostoyae</i>    | - <i>Ips</i> spp.                   |
| - <i>Pissodes</i> spp.         |                                     |

**Note: The scientific name of the above mentioned pests should be indicated in the  
phytosanitary certificate, otherwise; the documents are considered as incomplete.  
Moreover, any financial customs losses and non-delivery of the consignment due  
to the non-compliance are to be borne by the importer/s.**

2- Woods must be completely free from bark and holes caused by feeding of the insects'  
larvae.



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3- The consignment must be free of soil and rotten plant debris and be disinfected with one of the following standard methods in the country of origin and its specifications must be mentioned in the phytosanitary certificate.

**A) Disinfection with Methyl- bromide** at normal atmospheric pressure (Maximum thickness of wood 200 mm ):

- at a concentration of 80 grams per cubic meter of gas, for 24 h at 10-15 °C.
- at a concentration of 64 grams per cubic meter of gas, for 24 h at 16-20 °C.
- at a concentration of 48 grams per cubic meter of gas, for 24 h at 21 °C or above.

\*If the thickness of the wood is more than 200 mm, cargo disinfection should be done as follows:

- at a concentration of 160 grams per cubic meter of gas, for 48 h at 10-15 °C.
- at a concentration of 120 grams per cubic meter of gas, for 48 h at 16 °C or above.

**B) Disinfection by Heat Treatment method** with one of the following treatments:

- With temperature 70 °C for 4 hours.
- With temperature 80 °C for 2 hours.
- With temperature 90 °C for 1 hours.
- With temperature 100 °C for 30 minutes.
- With temperature 110 °C for 20 minutes.
- With temperature 120 °C for 15 minutes.

**Note:** Disinfection time is calculated from the time when the temperature of the wood core reaches the desired temperature. Presenting the original thermograph sheet



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stamped by the quarantine of the exporter country at the border of Iran is necessary.

**C) Disinfection by Heat Treatment method** at temperature 70°C as follows:

- Thickness 0-25 mm for 4 hours
- Thickness 25-38 mm for 5 hours
- Thickness 39-50 mm for 6 hours
- Thickness 51-75 mm for 8 hours
- Thickness 76-100 mm for 10 hours
- Thickness 101-150 mm for 14 hours
- Thickness 151-200 mm for 18 hours
- Thickness 201-250 mm for 22 hours
- Thickness over 250 mm for 26 hours

**D) Disinfection of the consignment with phosphine gas** (Maximum thickness of wood 200 mm) as follows:

- at a concentration of 2 g/m<sup>3</sup> of gas, at 10-15°C for 15 days
- at a concentration of 2 g/m<sup>3</sup> of gas, at 16-20°C for 12 days
- at a concentration of 2 g/m<sup>3</sup> of gas, at 21-25°C for 9 days

**Note:** It is necessary to start disinfection with initial dose of 2 g/m<sup>3</sup> and then add 1.5 g/m<sup>3</sup> gas after half the exposure time so that the dose of phosphine at the end of the exposure time is not less than 200 ppm.

**E) Gamma ray irradiation:** Use of gamma radiation at a rate of 10 KGy

**F) Disinfection by freezing:** With temperature -18°C for at least 7 days

**Note:** Disinfection time is calculated from the time when the temperature of the wood core reaches -18°C. Presenting the original thermograph sheet stamped by the quarantine of the exporter country at the border of Iran is necessary.



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4- Delivering the original phytosanitary certificate with mentioned requirements as well as other necessary documents to quarantine officers at the time of inspection of the consignment in destination border and customs clearance is mandatory. Otherwise, the importer will be found responsible for the consequences.

5- If the consignment is of any infections which could be disinfected by quarantine officer expediency, the cost must be borne by the importer; otherwise it is destroyed or returned to the country of origin. If any quarantine pest is found, the consignment will be destroyed or returned.

6- Passavant of the consignment to domestic customs will be authorized only after investigation and confirmation of original necessary documents in the entry border.

7- If the consignment is exported via a third country, a copy of phytosanitary certificate of the first exporter country (with all mentioned requirements) stamped by the second exporter country officials accompanied by the original Re-exporter certificate must be presented to quarantine officials at the point of entry and to the customs clearance office.

8- Importing wood from countries infected with ***Bursaphelenchus xylophilus***. including **South Africa, Spain, Portugal, china, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan, South Korea, Canada, Mexico and the United States** is prohibited.

**Note: The declared conditions have been issued as per contents of article 11 of plant protection act regarding plant quarantine issues and the importer is obliged to observe other rules and regulations related to import.**