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Phytosanitary requirements for importation of Lumber and Log (without Bark) of coniferous (*Pinus* sp., *Cupressus*, *Abies* sp., *Picea* sp., *Juniperus* sp., *Cedrus* sp.) from all countries (except Russia) to Iran

1- Procurement of valid phytosanitary certificate from the country of origin in whose Additional Declarations (A.D) section freeness of the consignment from the following pests and diseases has been confirmed:

1. Monochamus spp. 2. Dendroctonus spp. 3.Sirex spp. 4. Platypus spp. 5.Pissodes spp. 6.Phytophthora spp. 7.*Ips* spp. 8. Calonectria spp. 9. Tomicus spp. 10. Ceratocystis spp. 11.*Ophiostoma* spp. 12.Fusarium circinatum 13.Lanchnellula willkommii 14.Gremmeniella abietina 15.Bursaphelenchus mueronatus 16.Bursaphelenchus xylophylus

Note: Mentioning the scientific name of above pest and diseases in the phytosanitary certificate of above consignment is mandatory; otherwise, customs clearance will be prevented due to insufficient documentation, any and all damages and losses being on importers account.

- **2- Disinfection of wood in the country of origin** with one of the following methods and mentioning its particular features in the relevant phytosanitary certificate:
 - A) Disinfection of consignment with **Methyl- bromide** at a concentration of at least 48 grams per cubic meter of gas, for at least 24 h at 21°C and above. Furthermore, it is necessary for every 5 degree reduction in temperature resulted in an initial dose of 8 g of gas to be added. Disinfection at temperature less than 10°C is not acceptable.

Or

- B) Disinfection of wood by **Heat Treatment** with temperature over 70°C for at least 4 hours. Presenting the original thermograph sheet stamped by the quarantine of the exporter country at the border of Iran is necessary.

 Or
- C) **Disinfection of wood by Kiln drying**, with standard procedures and minimum temperature of 74 degrees Celsius and according to the below table so that moisture in the end of process must be less than 14 percent with next table.

Time(h)	4	6	8	10	14	18	More than 18
Thickness (mm)	0-25	26-50	51-75	76-100	101-150	150-200	More than 200

Note: Checking the wood moisture at the point of entry is necessary.

- **3- Woods must be completely free from bark** and holes caused by feeding of the insects' larvae.
- 4-Submitting the original Phytosanitary Certificate with mentioned conditions, as well as other necessary documents to quarantine experts at the time of inspection the consignment in destination border and customs clearance is mandatory. Otherwise, the importer will be found responsible for the consequences.
- 5- Release of consignment is possible after the tests for *Bursaphelenchus* spp. in the customs laboratories.

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6- As there are no possibility for disinfecting and completely controlling harmful agents in our entry borders, if the consignment is found to be contaminated to quarantine harmful agents and the names of harmful agents which has emphasized in part one of this quarantine requirement, has not been mentioned in AD section (Additional Declaration) of phytosanitary certificate, the consignment will be returned or destroyed.

7- If the consignment is imported 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.

Note: Importing the wood of coniferous trees from china, Portugal, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan, North Korea, Canada, Mexico and America because of the possibility of infection of the wood with *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* is not authorized.

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