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CANADA AND WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL

The December 2, 2010, Federal Register notice is proposing to amend the regulations for importation of wood packaging material from Canada. Presently wood packaging material originating in Canada and imported into the United States is exempt from the ISPM 15 labeling requirements. This proposed amendment to the regulations would remove that exemption.

Currently, WPM originating in the US and exported to Canada is also exempt from ISPM 15 labeling requirements. Canada is simultaneously amending its regulations to remove that exemption.

A harmonized timeline for



implementation of these proposed changes is being developed by the US and Canada. The timeline has yet to be established but should be developed by spring of next year. The timeline is expected to provide for intermediate enforcement phases prior to full implementation of the changes. Full implementation of the changes is anticipated to be during the 2012 calendar year.

We will furnish additional information on this issue as the details become available.

Review the notice using the following hyperlinked web address:

<http://federalregister.gov/a/2010-30206>

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