Ref. : BRAZIL: New legislation on import of wood packaging/pallets

For distribution to all logistic departments and package suppliers if needed.

A new legislation (MAPA IN 32) issued by the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture and effective 1st February 2016 imposes further restrictions on importation of wooden materials such as boxes and pallets.

- Affected modals: sea and air
- Affected customers: Cargo arriving in wooden boxes, on wooden pallets or containing wood supporting elements
- Affected ports / airports: all

We advance following:

- Any wooden materials will be subject to local inspection after arrival. This may represent a small delay in clearance in comparison to cargo without wooden components.
- Wood arriving with NIMF-15 standard fumigation Stamps (with respective Certificate) will be cleared without restrictions.
- Wood arriving from countries where NIMF-15 has not yet been implemented needs Certificate of Fumigation (mandatory).
After local inspection, any contaminated wood (with or without Stamps/Certificate) and wood without Stamp or Certificate of Fumigation will be refused, not allowed to enter the country.

Cargo contents involved (at least wood non-compliant) will be returned to origin at supplier responsibility and expenses.

- Exceptions are same as before and in line with international norms, i.e. Plywood and similar packaging are not restricted!

**Therefore we recommend all origins to strictly avoid sending shipments to Brazil with wooden packaging/pallets or other wooden materials which are not stamped or without Certificate of Fumigation.**

The legislation determines they return to origin. In order to avoid that we strongly recommend:

Stamp IPPC must be:
**Legible / Visible / Indelible / Two stamps in each or opposite side of the pallet**

Below are some **good** examples to be followed:
Thanks and regards,

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