

**To: Forestry Commission, Great Britain
Via Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Beijing**

Please see and pass on to relevant persons our answers to the questions raised in the attached email as follows:

1. According to Paragraph 8 of Notice 11 (2005), the new quarantine requirements of China for wood packaging of imported merchandise shall formally enter into effect as of 1 January 2006. **Prior to 1 January 2006, for wood packaging of imported merchandise from the EU, if it has been treated by a phytosanitary sanitisation method required by the Notice 11 and has had the ISPM15 compliant mark*, then the submission for inspection to relevant Import-Export CIQs is applicable, Phytosanitary Certificate then will not be needed.** For wood packaging that does not have the ISPM15 compliant mark should still be accompanied by Phytosanitary Certificate to submit for inspection to Import-Export CIQs as previous regulations required. Post 1 January 2006 when the new quarantine requirements formally enter into effect, wood packaging must comply with the requirements in Notice 11, i.e. it must be treated by the required phytosanitary sanitisation method and must have the ISPM15 compliant mark.
2. For wood packaging constructed from plywood, it does not fall under the wood packaging defined in this Notice (see paragraph 2 of Notice 11), it therefore doesn't need to be treated by a phytosanitary sanitisation method and be marked. Wooden articles made from plywood and wood packaging made from plywood do not need to be accompanied by a Phytosanitary Certificate.
3. Barrels and casks mentioned in the attachment is within the definition of wood packaging in Notice 11, therefore barrels and casks should comply with the regulations of Notice 11, i.e. they should be treated by the required phytosanitary sanitisation method and have the required mark.

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*Example of UK origin – ISPM15 Mark

