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**TO ALL IMPORTERS/TRADERS/INDIVIDUAL**

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**RE: IMPORT IMPORTATION OF WOODS (Timber)**

**A. THE SCOPE OF THIS PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS**

Wood (Timber) and Wooden Related Products is categorize as a commodity class for round wood, sawn wood, wood chips or dunnage, with or without bark.

This requirement/condition applies to wood (timber) and wooden related products certified for importation in the Seychelles.

The measures taken will help to reduce the risk of introduction and/or spread of quarantine/regulated pests (Plant diseases or insect pests) associated with wood or timber and wood products in use in international trade.

**B. PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLIANCE**

**b1.** All consignments must be accompanied by a valid Import Permit and Phytosanitary certificate or Treatment Certificate

**b2.** An acceptable manufacturer's declaration stating treatment details must accompany the application to import wood (timber) and wooden related products

**b3.** Phytosanitary Certificate state that controlled materials:

- has been officially inspected in the country of origin (or country of dispatch)
- complies with statutory requirements for entry into the Seychelles
- is free from quarantine/regulated pests and diseases
- is substantially free from other harmful organisms.

**b4.** The wood (Timber) must be free from bark/debark and shall be free from grub holes and insect pest/diseases

**b5.** The consignment must be free of biosecurity risk materials and free of signs of living pests

**b6.** Any packaging used with the consignment must be clean and must be free of biosecurity risk material and free of signs of living pests

**b7.** The consignment and other supporting structure or materials must be free from soil and biosecurity risk materials and free of signs of living pests

**b8.** Container cleanliness and/or must be free from insect pests and diseases, free from soil and biosecurity risk materials and free of signs of living insect pests and diseases

**b9.** All consignments must meet the requirements of the Import Permit and/or attached relevant documents or Annexes

**b10.** Consignments that do not meet the requirements of the Import Permit will be directed for either one of the following in accordance to the national law depending on the risk level:

- prohibition on the removal of the material from the premises
- phytosanitary treatment (phostoxin treatment (T9569)
- Confiscation and destruction (Burning/Incinerate)
- prohibition on the landing of the consignment
- re-export of the consignment

All of the above legal action will be subjected at the importers cost

### **C. GENERAL PROVISION**

The information provided covers Agriculture imports Requirements only and it may change from time to time depending on the situation encountered regarding trade issues non-compliance.

The Biosecurity Services of Seychelles makes no warranties or representations with respect to the accuracy or completeness of that information and will bear no liability with respect to that information.

Traders/importers or individual must satisfy quarantine concerns and comply with quarantine conditions applicable at the time of entry.

The respective organization within the agriculture sector of Seychelles is not liable for any costs arising from or associated with decisions of importers to import based on conditions presented here which are not current at the time of importation.

It is the traders/importer's or individual responsibility to verify the accuracy and completeness of the information at the time of importation.

It is the traders/importers or individual's responsibility to identify and to ensure it has complied with, all requirements of any other regulatory and advisory bodies prior to and after importation.

### **D. ACCEPTABLE TREATMENT**

	<b>Type of Treatment</b>	<b>Treatment Description</b>
<b>1</b>	Methyl bromide fumigation	Methyl bromide is a broad spectrum pesticide used in the control of pest insects, nematodes, weeds, pathogens, and rodents Fumigants are pesticides in a gaseous state.
<b>2</b>	Heat treatment	Dry or moist heat is applied to a product in a temperature controlled chamber or oven.

NBA PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS TO FACILITATE SAFE EXPORTATION/IMPORTATION OF  
PLANTS AND PLANT PRODUCTS IN TRADE

	<b>Type of Treatment</b>	<b>Treatment Description</b>
		For biosecurity purposes timber and wooden related products must achieve a minimum core temperature in order to address biosecurity pest and pathogen concerns.
<b>3</b>	Kiln drying	<p>Timber is placed in a chamber where the temperature and humidity is controlled to reduce the moisture content of the timber, making it more durable.</p> <p>Kiln drying is also known to be an effective treatment for insect, fungal and nematode timber pests.</p> <p>For biosecurity purposes an approved temperature must reach the core of the timber and the duration of the treatment is proportional to the thickness of the timber.</p>
<b>4</b>	Ionising radiation (irradiation)	<p>Certain rays (eg. gamma, x-ray) generate electromagnetic radiation that destroys living cells found in bacteria and pests.</p> <p>This treatment does not require the use of chemicals or pressure. It does not change the temperature of the product and can be applied to goods that are packaged.</p>
<b>5</b>	Permanent timber preservative	Permanent timber preservatives are applied to sawn, round or veneered timber through pressure impregnation or glueline treatments.
<b>6</b>	Sulphuryl fluoride fumigation	<p>Sulfuryl fluoride is an insecticide and rodenticide</p> <p>Sulfuryl fluoride is a gas used to fumigate closed structures and their contents for dry-wood and Formosan termites, Wood infesting beetles, bedbugs, carpet beetles, clothes moths, cockroaches, and rodents.</p>
<b>7</b>	Immerse in boiling water	This treatment is only applicable to bamboo products. Raw material is immersed boiling water for an approved minimum duration.

## **E: RATIONAL**

International trade of products of biosecurity (sanitary or phytosanitary) concern or risk, it is the sanitary or phytosanitary status of the product traded that is important.

The sanitary/phytosanitary risk as we are all know is depended on numerous factors including type of product, country of origin, type of production, place of production, degree of processing, etc. There are serious species insect pest and diseases which are not found in Seychelles.

They are classified as quarantine pests due to the significance of the impact they are likely to cause on food security, economy, environment and the biodiversity of the Seychelles, if introduced.

The certificate (sanitary or phytosanitary) is issued by the relevant competent authority of the exporting country and accompanies the consignment (product) to attest that the particular consignment has met the import conditions or requirements of the importing country.

Woods (Timber) and wooden related products is capable of harboring and introducing new Invasive Alien Species (IAS) including pests and diseases associated with plant, animal and even human health. Therefore phytosanitary measures should be applied to the extent necessary to protect human, animal, or plant life or health.

In this case the exported commodity must be free from quarantine/regulated pests and disease, free from soil and other biosecurity risk materials prior to arrival in Seychelles.

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