



NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Notifying Member: <u>CHINA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: General Administration of Customs, P. R. China
3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Plant and plant products
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: Canada, Japan, Korea, Republic of, Spain, Mexico, Portugal, United States of America
5. Title of the notified document: Notification of Emergency Measures for Plant Quarantine Requirements for Import of <i>Pinus</i> spp. in Countries Suffering from <i>Bursaphelenchus lignicolus</i> . Language(s): Chinese. Number of pages: 6 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/CHN/22_0099_00_x.pdf
6. Description of content: In order to prevent the introduction of <i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i> in imported <i>Pinus</i> spp. into China, General Administration of Customs has decided to, from February 1, 2022, adopt the following quarantine measures for imported <i>Pinus</i> spp. (including logs and sawn timbers) from countries identified as occur areas of <i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i> (Canada, Japan, South Korea, Spain, Mexico, Portugal and the United States): <ol style="list-style-type: none">Laboratory testing and quarantine treatment before export Logs: Before export, the plant quarantine department of the exporting country shall conduct sampling and laboratory testing of <i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i> for every batch of logs exported to China. Where <i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i> is detected, such batch of logs shall not be exported to China; where <i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i> is not detected, before export, such batch of logs shall be subject to fumigation by methyl bromide and sulfuryl fluoride to kill the forest pests such as long-horned beetles.Sawn timbers: Before export, each batch of sawn timbers to be expoted shall be subject to heat treatment to kill forest pests such as <i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i> and long-horned beetles; where the heat treatment is not carried out, the samples shall be taken for the detection of <i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i>; where <i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i> is detected, such batch of sawn timbers shall not be exported to China, where <i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i> is not detected, such batch of sawn timbers shall be subject to fumigation.Imported <i>Pinus</i> spp. shall enter China from the port designated by China and located in an occur area of <i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i> identified by China.Upon entry of <i>Pinus</i> spp. the Chinese port shall carry out quarantine. Where the <i>Pinus</i> spp. live pests such as <i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i> or long-horned beetles are detected, such batch of <i>Pinus</i> spp. shall be returned or destroyed, and the import of <i>Pinus</i> spp. from the corresponding enterprises and growing area shall be suspended, if appropriate.

7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: <i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i> is a very important quarantine nematode that seriously endangers the safety of pine forests of China. Since its outbreak in China in 1982, <i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i> epidemic has spread quickly and caused serious damages. In order to prevent the continuous spread of the <i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i> epidemic, China has taken strict management and control measures, strengthened control of wood infected with <i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i> and its products, and strictly conducted the harmless disposal of wood infected with <i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i> . The <i>Pinus</i> spp. in the occur areas shall not be transported out of the occur areas. Instead, it shall be pulverized, sliced, or destroyed on the spot. Since 2020, China Customs has detected live <i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i> in imported <i>Pinus</i> spp. many times, posing a serious threat to forestry production and ecological security of China. These Emergency Measures are issued to prevent the introduction of <i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i> in the imported <i>Pinus</i> spp..
9.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM 13, ISPM 20 <input type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:
10.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
11.	Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 1 February 2022 <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
12.	Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: WTO/SPS National Notification and Enquiry Center of the People's Republic of China Tel: +(86 10) 5795 4645 / 5795 4642 Email: sps@customs.gov.cn
13.	Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: WTO/SPS National Notification and Enquiry Center of the People's Republic of China Tel: +(86 10)5795 4645 / 5795 4642 Email: sps@customs.gov.cn