

Voluntary Report – Voluntary - Public Distribution

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Report Name: Sulfuryl Fluoride Allowed for Log Fumigation

Country: China - People's Republic of

Post: Beijing

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Report Highlights:

The APHIS and FAS China offices have confirmed with the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) Department of Animal Plant Quarantine (DAPQ) that sulfuryl fluoride is allowed for fumigation of U.S.-origin logs before export to China. This clarification confirms fumigation options available to U.S. exporters based on GACC Announcement No. 110 of 2021, titled Phytosanitary Requirements for Pine Wood from Countries with Pine Wood Nematode Presence. Logs that test positive for Pinewood Nematode remain ineligible for export to China.

On December 20, 2021, GACC released Announcement No. 110 of 2021 titled *Phytosanitary Requirements for Pine Wood from Countries with Pine Wood Nematode Presence*. The announcement updated requirements for importing pinewoods, including guidelines for sampling and treatment prior to export, phytosanitary certificate requirements, port of entry quarantine requirements, and designated ports for receiving pinewood imports. The requirements entered into effect on February 1, 2022. Subsequently, GACC published a Pine Wood Nematode (PWN) Port Quarantine Guidelines [Policy Interpretation document](#) (link in Chinese). The document provided additional information on the implementation of GACC Announcement No. 110.

Based on conversations with GACC DAPQ, Post has confirmed that sulfuryl fluoride is allowed for fumigation of U.S.-origin logs before export to China. Methyl bromide remains another fumigation option for U.S.-origin logs exports to China.

For additional information on GACC requirements for export of U.S. logs and lumber to China, please see the following GAIN reports:

[Pinewood Log and Lumber Import Requirements Updated](#)

[Interpretive Guidance on Pine Wood Nematode Requirements](#)

[Solid Wood Products Annual 2023](#)

Attachments:

No Attachments.