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Sulfuryl Fluoride ISPM15 Service providers & Wood Packaging Material users

### **RE: UNAUTHORISED USE OF SULFURYL FLUORIDE (SF) AS A TREATMENT OPTION UNDER ISPM15 REGULATION ON CONSIGNMENTS DESTINED FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Kindly be informed that the United States of America (USA) does not accept the use of Sulfuryl fluoride (SF) as one of the treatment options on Wood Packaging Material (WPM) imported into the USA territory. Further note that any commodity intercepted with such treatment shall be subjected to a penalty and subsequently returned to the Republic of South Africa.

Considering the above, we wish to inform SF service providers to immediately refrain from treating WPM destined to USA with SF. If the destination country is unknown by the manufacturer, efforts should be made to make clients aware of this phytosanitary restriction. We further make it compulsory that all SF treated wood packaging material should be accompanied by this letter to their clients as an additional proof that they were made aware of the restriction.

The department has started to engage with the United States Department of Agriculture on this matter and shall inform you once new developments are arrived at.

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Yours Sincerely,

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