

## **IMPORTANT NEW REQUIREMENTS AFFECTING CANADIAN IMPORT SHIPMENTS**

### ***WOOD PACKAGING / WOOD PRODUCTS:***

In January 2004, Canada will begin phasing in restrictions on Wood Packaging that will affect our industry. New rules specifically target crates, pallets, securing structures and packaging materials constructed from wood. To ensure your shipment is not refused entry, we recommend that you use the following types of **"Manufactured Wood"**. Manufactured wood is described as "plywood, particle board, oriented strand board, veneer, wood wool or other types of wood that are formed with a combination of glue, heat & pressure. **"Non Manufactured"** woods are allowed, provided they have been officially treated, possess documentation of proof and method, and that the logo/mark on each piece of wood shows it is approved for shipping by authorities in the origin country. **Do not use** any untreated wood or any wood of which the origin or treatment is unknown (e.g. used liftvans/pallets, etc.). Shipments can be refused entry into Canada if not compliant to these regulations and all charges incurred for destruction or re-exporting will be for shipper's account. Finished furniture (new or used) is acceptable. For more information on Wood and Wood Packaging import requirements, please visit the Canadian Food Inspection Agency website at [www.inspection.gc.ca](http://www.inspection.gc.ca)

### ***BIOTERRORISM:***

In January 2004, Canada will begin phasing in restrictions on Food, Beverage and Alcohol from all non-registered exporters/importers. This restriction has come into place due to USA and Canadian concerns of protecting our food supply. At this time, it is recommended that all personal effects shipments **DO NOT** include any food products. This also applies to canned food, unopened or opened packaged food and wine. These items may be imported if "Prior Notification" (PN) is filed and a "Prior Notification Confirmation"(PNC) is available before shipping. For more information, please visit the following website at [www.fda.gov/oc/bioterrorism/bioact.html](http://www.fda.gov/oc/bioterrorism/bioact.html)

### ***TRANSHIPMENT:***

Please be advised that goods destined for Canada that are traveling via an American port of entry, may also be affected by recent changes to the United States import requirements. Inspections may occur at a US port and therefore we recommend you ship directly to a Canadian port whenever possible.