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Your letter from	Your references			
Concern :	New Belgian export certification procedure for wood logs originating from other Member States			

Dear Colleagues,

The Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain (FASFC) would like to inform Member States on the modification of the Belgian export certification procedure for wood logs originating from other Member States and shipped from Belgium to third countries.

At the moment, for wood logs originating from other Member States, an IPCD or pre-export certificate is only requested if a treatment is required by the third country of destination and this treatment has been carried out in the Member State of origin or if a specific additional declaration is requested on the phytosanitary certificate by the third country. Given the fact that the logs are already loaded in containers when arriving in Belgium, it is not possible to perform a phytosanitary inspection on these consignments in line with international standards (ISPM). For this reason and taking into account recent notifications of non-compliance received from some third countries, we decided to amend our certification procedure.

According to the new procedure an Intra-EU Phytosanitary Communication Document (IPCD) or a pre-export certificate is required for each consignment of wood logs originating from other Member States. On the IPCD or pre-export certificate it should be stated that the logs meet the requirements of the country of destination with a clear reference to this and, if applicable, stating which treatment has been applied in the Member State of origin (information corresponding to boxes 12 to 17 of the phytosanitary certificate). If a treatment is required and this treatment has not been performed in the Member State of origin, this can be specified on the IPCD or pre-export certificate.

The new procedure will enter into force on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

We would appreciate that you inform all people concerned.

Yours sincerely,

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