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**RESOLUTION No. 2**  
**Imported Raw Wood Products Concern**

WHEREAS, numerous states have detected and documented introductions of potentially harmful and invasive plant pests in a variety of wood products, including minimally processed wood furniture, predominantly coming from Asian countries.

WHEREAS, states have collected the following live organisms from the importation of products containing minimally processed wood:

*Callidiellum villosulum* - furniture  
*Trichoferus campestris* - furniture  
*Phymatodes lividus* – willow bands on wine casks  
*Tremex fusicornis*- solid wood packing material

WHEREAS, the USDA “Miscellaneous and Processed Products Import Manual - Regulating the Importation of Miscellaneous and processed Products Regulated by Plant Protection and Quarantine” does not adequately address the importation of minimally processed wood coming in as furniture, garlands, wood crafts, pet chew toys, decorations, and other similar products.

WHEREAS, the Harmonized Tariff System does not provide the level of specificity necessary to allow Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to adequately target minimally processed wood products for inspection at the port of entry.

WHEREAS, states do not have the resources or authority to monitor and inspect cargo coming directly from foreign sources nor are they informed about such importations.

RESOLVED, that USDA APHIS PPQ, in cooperation with the National Plant Board, conduct a thorough assessment of the threats posed by products manufactured from minimally processed wood coming into the U.S. for the purpose of amending the rules and standards that govern such imports.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that based on the findings of its assessment, USDA-APHIS-PPQ adopt additional requirements that better mitigate the risk of this pathway for the introduction of harmful plant pests.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that one means to address this risk would be to require importers to notify CBP of the arrival of certain minimally processed wooden products that pose a high risk of introducing exotic plant pests into the United States, thus providing CBP

with better information to inform its port of entry inspection activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that USDA APHIS PPQ and CBP work in close coordination with the NPB in implementing immediate steps to reduce, eliminate or mitigate the entry of minimally processed wood that may contain damaging invasive plant pests from entering the U.S. until a more effective and holistic solution can be put in place.

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