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RESOLUTION NO. 3

National Direction for Firewood Treatment Criteria

The movement of invasive and exotic forest or tree pests is often accelerated by human activities. State and federal agencies have implemented regulatory strategies to address a number of known pest pathways such as commercial log movement, nursery stock, etc. The movement of firewood is, however, a pathway that is outside of normal regulatory restrictions and is moved over great distances in commercial commerce. Firewood has great potential to introduce highly destructive forest and tree pests such as gypsy moth, emerald ash borer, and Asian longhorned beetle into new uninfested susceptible locations.

RESOLVED, by the Central Plant Board at its 83rd annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio on February 7, 2007, request that USDA develop criteria/processes that would mitigate the movement of pests in firewood. Processes would include heat treatment methods for firewood along with other methods that could be adopted by the commercial firewood industry.

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