

## **Wood packaging Re-exportation clause**

Under the revised USDA Wood Packing Material (WPM) requirement, from 16 September 2005, all WPM coming into the US must be heat treated to a wood core temperature of minimum 56 deg celsius for 30 minutes or fumigated with Methyl Bromide, and clearly Marked as per USDA marking standards.

Any wood or pieces thereof NOT treated and/or not clearly marked according to standards, the USDA examining officer MAY require the wood, ALONG WITH THE ACCOMPANYING CARGO, to be re-exported immediately on the importing vessel.

Please note that the correct treatment and clear marking of the WPM remains the responsibility of the shippers, and should the cargo and/or the WPM be required to be re-exported on arrival, GAL will have no choice but to charge the ORIGINAL SHIPPERS FULL TARIFF rates for the re-exported cargo as normal cargo from the United States. This will apply both for the cargo and/or for WPM in question.