



**U.S. Customs and Border Protection**

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**U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)  
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**SUBJECT: New Policy on Alternative Disposal Options for Non-compliant Maritime Dunnage**

Effective November, 2016, USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection (APHIS) will allow incineration as a secure disposal option for non-compliant dunnage from maritime cargo at U.S. ports of entry if there is access to an APHIS-approved incineration facility.

Manipulation and incineration is not recommended for dunnage for which the pest dissemination risk cannot be adequately contained. Dunnage with timber pests with high risk of emergence or dispersal may require fumigation prior to transport for incineration. This treatment serves as a safeguarding measure and does not certify as treated for re-use.

Before this option may be used, incineration or waste facilities must have a compliance agreement with APHIS to destroy and dispose of non-compliant dunnage.

Transportation companies, shipping lines, port authorities, and/or terminal operators must have a compliance agreement with CBP to safeguard, manipulate, or transport non-compliant dunnage.

Please contact CBP Agriculture in Philadelphia at [CBPAIPHILA@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:CBPAIPHILA@cbp.dhs.gov) to initiate this process.

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