

Finland has implemented new requirements for coniferous wood packing material including wooden pallets, cargo platforms, cages, barrels, spacers and dunnage.

Packing material must comply with one of the following requirements:

- be free of bark and grub holes larger than 3 mm in diameter and have a moisture content expressed as a percentage of dry matter of less than 20 percent at the time of manufacture; or
- be heat-treated to reach a minimum core temperature of 56 degrees Celsius for at least 30 minutes; or
- be kiln-dried to below 20 percent moisture content expressed as a percentage of dry matter at the time of manufacture, achieved through an appropriate time/

temperature schedule; or
 • be fumigated with an appropriate fumigant; Methyl Bromide is recommended for wood fumigation by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA).

treatment certificate, kiln-dried certificate, fumigation certificate) at the nearest CFIA office.

If the packing material has been fumigated, the fumigation certificate may be accepted in lieu of a phytosanitary certificate, in which case, the fumigation certificate should accompany the shipment.

Finland – coniferous wood packing material

New restrictions

In addition, Finland requires that packing material be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate. (CFIA is negotiating with Finland to have this requirement removed.) Canadian exporters are advised to apply for a phytosanitary certificate with the appropriate documents (e.g. heat

tary certificate, in which case, the fumigation certificate should accompany the shipment.

A policy directive dealing with packing material with specific requirements is under development.

Packing material of non-coniferous wood is not restricted. ✪

CAE sells nuclear power plant simulator

Toronto-based CAE has sold the most advanced nuclear power plant simulator in the world to Nuklearna Elektrarna Krsko (NEK) of Slovenia. The Krsko scope simulator was declared "ready for training" on March 31.

The full scope simulator faithfully reproduces Krsko's nuclear power plant control environment providing a true-to-life training experience for NEK's personnel. The simulator software includes advanced thermal-hydraulic, reactor, balance of plant, electrical systems and instrumentation and control models, the majority of which were developed using CAE's cutting-edge ROSE® simulation environment.

The simulator was installed at the training centre at Krsko in December 1999, at which time it was based on Krsko's Cycle 15 reactor core. The most significant project challenge was modifying, recalibrating and revalidating the simulator dynamically so that its performance corresponded to the plant's modernized Cycle 17 configuration, including steam generator replacement and power output uprating.

"CAE's professionalism and positive approach to business were major contributors to the success of this project," says Stane Rožman, Director of NEK. "Our two teams worked very well together, resulting in NEK having a world-class simulator to provide the necessary training for its operating personnel. There is no question that NEK made the right choice in selecting CAE for the project."

CAE is the world's premier provider of simulation and control technologies for training and optimization solutions in the aerospace, defence, power and forestry sectors. Headquartered in Canada and operating globally, the company employs more than 6,000 people and has revenues in excess of \$1 billion.

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comprises eight Canadian companies whose focus is to manufacture and market the complete NBC kit. Members attending the conference were Acton International, Irvin Aerospace, O'Dell Engineering, Carleton Life Support Technologies, Nor Environmental Inc., 3M of Canada and Med-Eng Systems, whose products and equipment were showcased at the conference.

CCC has worked closely with Acton to sell its extreme cold weather boot with NBC resistance to the U.S. mili-

tary [see story on page 7]. "We look forward to working with the other Alliance members to penetrate the U.S. military market," says CCC's U.S. Industrial Base Program Manager Joe Yagminas.

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