



**SAVINO DEL BENE** S.p.A.  
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## DIMETYHYFUMARATE PRODUCT ( DMF)

The European Union (E.U.) Authorities have banned the above product as dangerous for the health.

This product generally is used in consumer goods, such as leather and fabric bag, furniture, garments, leather wear, shoes and similar articles, which need a protection against the mould.

Usually DMF is placed in tiny bags (normally marked "SILICA GEL") to protect the products from mould.

DMF was proved to be the cause of strong allergic reactions, skin burn, intoxication, severe respiratory consequences and so on.

For these reasons, from April 2009 all E.U. Authorities banned this substance and started to check all incoming shipments in order to locate any traces of DMF, and for this reason, many shipments are currently being sent to inspection and being analyzed.

In all these instances, and for all kind of shipments (FCL, LCL, air, etc), Customs Authorities are adopting a very rigid line of conduct and have decided that the importers must show a declaration confirming that no DMF product is inside the packing and/or containers.

If no declaration is showed to the Customs Authorities, the goods will go into inspection and will not be released to the Consignee until Customs authorization will be issued.

The goods found with DMF will be destroyed or returned to the origin country, at shipper's expenses..

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