

Implementation Schedule of ISPM No.15

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Recently, most major trading countries have notified the World Trade Organization of their intent to adopt the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM No.15) on the Wooden Packaging Materials used for International Trade. Penalty of the violation may end up with destruction of the packages, rejection of entry or ship back of the entire cargoes to the origin.

Notes

WTO Notification: The date on which SPS Notification was submitted to WTO for the intention to change the quarantine regulations.

Effective: The effective date of the newly implemented rule. Certain countries are setting up the adjustment period.

Treatment: The methods of treating wood packaging materials. Heat treatment is shown as **HT** and Methyl Bromide Fumigation as **MB**.

Remarks: Some countries have strict rule for the marking requirement of the Dunnage used in the vessel or in the container.

Country	WTO Notification Effective	Treatment Remarks
North & South America		
<u>USA</u>	USA, Canada and Mexico will start full enforcement of the ISMP15 standard on July 5, 2006. Phase III : After July 5, 2006, full enforcement will start on all regulated Wood Packing Materials (WPM) entering North America. Non compliant WPM will not be allowed to enter USA, Canada and Mexico. Importers and Suppliers are strongly encouraged to have all WPM meet the ISPM 15 standard to avoid delays or rejection of shipments at the entry ports.	HT MB WPM with no marking will be shipped back. Strict rulings on Dunnage too.
<u>Canada</u>		HT MB Certificate will be accepted for Dunnage on conventional vessels
<u>Mexico</u>		HT (incl. KD, CPI) MB Label/Seal not accepted. Markings are required on Dunnage but not too strict.
<u>Argentine</u>	G/SPS/N/ARG/73 June 1, 2005	HT MB Exactly as ISPM No.15 (NIMF No.15)
<u>Bolivia</u>	G/SPS/N/BOL/9 July 23, 2005	HT MB DB (Debarking) required. As per ISPM No.15
<u>Brazil</u>	Emergency Rule Dated Jan. 6, 2004 Gazette dated March 17'06	HT MB ISPM No15 Standard
<u>Chile</u>	G/SPS/N/CHL/170 June 1, 2005	Quarantine Regulations Governing the Entry into Chile of Wood Packaging Material (in Spanish).
<u>Colombia</u>	G/SPS/N/COL/85 Sep. 16, 2005	HT MB Export marking System is established
<u>Costa Rica</u>	G/SPS/N/CRI/35 September 16, 2005 for Import	According to US APHIS website ISPM No15 Standard
<u>Ecuador</u>	G/SPS/N/ECU/5 September 30, 2005	HT MB Import Regulation to start from September 30, 2005
<u>Guatemala</u>	G/SPS/N/GTM/34 September 16, 2005 for Import	HT MB According to US APHIS website
<u>Honduras</u>	G/SPS/N/HND/1 February 25, 2006	HT MB According to WTO SPS Notification
<u>Panama</u>	Import not regulated.	Export treatment system and marking system is established
<u>Paraguay</u>	G/SPS/N/PRY/2 June 28, 2005	HT MB ISPM No15 Standard
<u>Peru</u>	September 1, 2005 Import & Transit Cargo	HT MB Rule 7 pages in Spanish
<u>Trinidad & Tobago</u>	G/SPS/N/TTO/5 Export rule from September 15, 2005	Imports to be implemented at a date to be notified.
<u>Venezuela</u>	G/SPS/N/VEN/12 June 1, 2005	US APHIS website is reporting ISPM No15 Standard
Europe, Africa & Mid-East		
<u>EU</u>	March 1, 2005 Marking on Dunnage waived until end 2007	HT MB DB(Debarking) mark requirement is postponed until December 31, 2008.
<u>Switzerland</u>	March 1, 2005 Effective date is synchronized with EU	HT MB Rule is basically in line with the ISPM No.15
<u>Bulgaria</u>	G/SPS/N/BGR/24 dated January 24, 2006 June 1, 2006	HT MB ISPM No15 Standard

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<u>Turkey</u>	G/SPS/N/TUR/4 Jan. 1, 2006	HT MB ISPM No15 Standard
<u>Egypt</u>	G/SPS/N/EGY/2 October 1, 2005	HT MB ISPM No15 Standard
<u>Jordan</u>	G/SPS/N/JOR/14 November 17,2006	HT MB ISPM No15 Standard
<u>Lebanon</u>	March 26, 2006 Non WTO Member	HT MB ISPM No15 Standard
<u>Nigeria</u>	Sep. 30, 2004 No WTO SPS Notification	HT MB ISPM No15 Standard
<u>South Africa</u>	Strict enforcement from March 1, 2005	HT MB Marking Labels are not allowed ISPM No15 Standard
<u>Syria</u>	April 1, 2006 Non WTO Member	HT MB ISPM No15 Standard
<u>Ukraine</u>	October 1, 2005 Notified to the European Plant Protection Organization	Rule is strictly in line with ISPM No.15 UK Forestry Commission
Oceania & Asia		
<u>Australia</u>	From January 1, 2006 Rule applies to the Cargoes by Air and by Conventional Vessels too. "Packing Declaration" is required for Container cargo.	HT (MB should be by Australian Standard) Plywood WPM to accompany "Manufacturers' Statement" with specific manufacturing date.
<u>New Zealand</u>	New Rule after May 1, 2006 WPM made of New Panel Wood need no treatment.	HT (MB should be by NZ standard) "Quarantine Declaration" required (Sample) for container cargo
<u>Samoa</u>	Marking required as per ISPM No.15 Otherwise, Treatment Certificate required	HT MB same as Australian requirement Australian AQIS website
<u>Seychelles</u>	March 1, 2006	HT MB UK Forestry Commission
<u>China</u>	January 1, 2006 Public Notice No.2-2006 Public Notice No.32	HT MB Mitigated application until End June 2006
	Strict MB fumigation standard for coniferous wood from Japan, Korea, North Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, US, Canada, Mexico, Portugal	
<u>India</u>	<u>Notification to postpone</u> November 1, 2004	HT MB ISPM#15 Marking is accepted.
<u>Indonesia</u>	G/SPS/N/IDN/27 dated May 29, 2006 Regulation likely to start in mid 2006	HT MB Export marking system is established Packing Declaration form will be required Now inquiring the details.
<u>Japan</u>	Studying implementation of the ISPM#15 Possibly from early 2007	The round shaped marking is changed to regular IPPC Marking in conformity with ISPM guidelines.
<u>Korea</u>	G/SPS/N/KOR/138/Add.1 Effective June 1, 2005	HT MB
	Strict MB fumigation standard for coniferous wood from Japan, China, Taiwan, US, Canada, Mexico	
<u>Philippines</u>	G/SPS/N/PHL/71/Add.1 June 1, 2005	HT MB Rule is strictly in line with ISPM No.15
<u>Taiwan</u>	Import not regulated	Export marking system established.
<u>Vietnam</u>	June 5, 2005 Non WTO Member (Now inquiring)	US APHIS website is reporting

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Other Useful NPPO Links

- Belgium <http://www.ctib-tchn.be/>
- Hong Kong http://www.afcd.gov.hk/quarantine/quarantine_c.htm
- Malaysia <http://www.mtc.com.my/current/ispm.htm>
- Netherlands <http://www.smhv.nl/> http://www.nl.sqs.com/home_nl.htm
- Thailand <http://www.doa.go.th/th/>
- UK <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/planthealth>
- NAPPO <http://www.nappo.org/>
- WTO/SPS http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/sps_e/sps_e.htm