

PACKAGING REGULATIONS — March 16, 2005

Listed below you will find proposed implementation dates by country for the adoption of IPPC's ISPM 15 Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade. This information has been provided by the National Wooden Pallet and Container Association.

Countries with implementation changes since last update (March 3, 2005):

European Union (EU)

The European Union began enforcement of ISPM-15 March 1, 2005. The E.U. deferred for a year their debarking and bark-free specifications (see dunnage exceptions below), but claim they will present technical justification for the additional requirements and begin enforcement March 2006. The E.U. has some variations that need to be clarified:

Marking: Until December 31, 2007 the E.U. will accept all previously recognized marks for heat treatment (HT, "no-bug" logo, and ISPM-15 mark). For fumigation, however, they will only accept the ISPM-15 mark; if you have wood packaging with the previous fumigation mark, you must re-treat and re-mark.

Dunnage: If dunnage is treated and marked it need not be bark-free. If dunnage is not marked, it must be bark-free and devoid of pests and signs of live pests.

Summary information for countries that have begun implementation or announced plans to implement ISPM 15:

New Zealand — April 16, 2003

Australia — September 1, 2004

(Variations to ISPM-15: Bark-free + packing declaration for ISPM-15 compliant WPM, 21-day rule does not apply)

Nigeria — September 30, 2004

India — November 1, 2004 (Variation: Phytosanitary certificate required only for WPM, not ISPM 15 compliant)

Costa Rica — January 1, 2005

South Africa — January 1, 2005

European Union — March 1, 2005

Switzerland — March 1, 2005

Chile — June 1, 2005

Philippines — June 1, 2005 (Note: Partial enforcement starting January 1, 2005, WPM must be treated, but marking not required)

United States — September 16, 2005 (Note: Phase-in implementation since January 1, 2004; exemption granted to Canada)

Canada — September 16, 2005 (Note: Phase-in implementation since January 1, 2004; exemption granted to U.S.)

Mexico — September 16, 2005 (Note: phase-in implementation since January 1, 2004)

Brazil — September 16, 2005

Colombia — September 16, 2005

Guatemala — September 16, 2005

Turkey — January 1, 2006 (Variation: Debarked WPM)

China — January 1, 2006 (Variation: Methyl Bromide fumigation of softwood packaging must be 240 hours)

Countries that have signed the IPPC Agreement

Albania	Czech Republic	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Moldova	South Africa
Algeria	D.P.R. of Korea	Iraq	Morocco	Spain
Argentina	Denmark	Ireland	Netherlands	Sri Lanka
Australia	Dominican Republic	Israel	New Zealand	St. Kitts & Nevis
Austria	Ecuador	Italy	Nicaragua	St. Lucia
Azerbaijan	Egypt	Jamaica	Niger	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Bahamas	El Salvador	Japan	Nigeria	Sudan
Bahrain	Equatorial Guinea	Jordan	Norway	Suriname
Bangladesh	Eritrea	Kenya	Oman	Sweden
Barbados	Estonia	Korea, Republic of	Pakistan	Switzerland
Belgium	Finland	Kyrgyzstan	Papua New Guinea	Syria
Belize	Ethiopia	Laos	Paraguay	Thailand
Bhutan	France	Latvia	Peru	Togo
Bolivia	Germany	Lebanon	Philippines	Trinidad & Tobago
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Ghana	Liberia	Poland	Tunisia
Brazil	Greece	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Portugal	Turkey
Bulgaria	Grenada	Lithuania	Romania	United Arab Emirates
Burkina Faso	Guatemala	Luxembourg	Russian Federation	United Kingdom
Cambodia	Guinea	Malawi	Saudi Arabia	United States Of America
Canada	Guyana	Malaysia	Senegal	Uruguay
Cape Verde	Haiti	Mali	Serbia & Montenegro	Venezuela
Chad	Honduras	Malta	Sierra Leone	Yemen
Chile	Hungary	Mauritania	Slovenia	Zambia
Colombia	India	Mauritius	Solomon Islands	
Cuba	Indonesia	Mexico		
Cyprus				