

PACKAGING REGULATIONS — May 5, 2005

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

Based on their World Trade Organization (WTO) notifications, the following countries are now or soon will be enforcing ISPM 15:

South Korea

Korea has revised its requirements for softwood packaging. Formerly they would only accept HT for softwood' they will now accept Methyl Bromide fumigation provided they are treated using a 24-hour schedule.

Tanzania

Tanzania's Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security has published its regulation for import and export wood packaging materials. There was no mention about the implementation date.

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

Country	Enforcement Date	Remarks
Argentina	June 1, 2005	
Australia	September 1, 2004	Bark-free & packing declaration for ISPM15- compliant WPM, 21-day rule does not apply
Brazil	September 16, 2005	September 15 is Brazil's announced date, however it is considering harmonizing implementation with Argentina, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay for June 1, 2005
Canada	September 16, 2005	Phase-in implementation since January 1, 2004 Exemption granted to US.
Chile	June 1, 2005	
China	January 1, 2006	MB fumigation of softwood packaging must be at least 24 hours depending on wood temperature.
Colombia	September 16, 2005	
Costa Rica	January 1, 2005	
Ecuador	April 26, 2004	
European Union (EU)	March 1, 2005	See special conditions below.
Guatemala	September 16, 2005	
India	November 1, 2004	Phytosanitary certificate required only for WPM that are not ISPM 15 compliant
Mexico	September 16, 2005	Phase-in implementation since January 1, 2004.
New Zealand	April 16, 2003	
Nigeria	September 30, 2004	
Panama	February 17, 2005	
Peru	March 1, 2005	
Philippines	June 1, 2005	Partial enforcement starting January 1, 2005, WPM must be treated but marking not required.
South Africa	January 1, 2005	
South Korea	June 1, 2005	MB fumigation for softwood packaging now allowed, but must use the 24-hour treatment schedule.
Switzerland	March 1, 2005	
United States	September 16, 2005	Phase-in implementation since January 1, 2004
Tanzania	No Date Scheduled	
Turkey	January 1, 2006	

European Union (EU)

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

Marking: Until December 31, 2007 the EU 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.

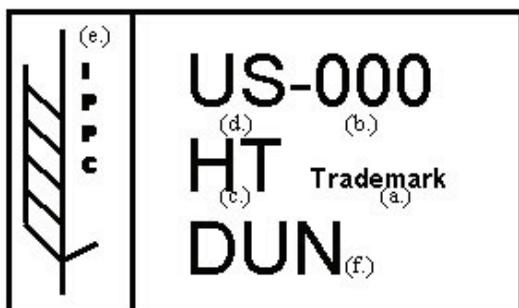
Dunnage: If dunnage is treated and marked, it need not be bark-free. If dunnage is not marked, it must be bark-free and devoid of pests and signs of live pests.

If the EU implements debark and bark-free requirements in March 2006 as they plan, dunnage must comply with the same treatment, marking and debarking as all other wood packaging.

Dunnage Marking Requirements

The American Lumber Standards Committee (ALSC) has recently introduced an ISPM 15 HT mark for dunnage (see below). Dunnage is defined as wood packaging used to secure or support a commodity, but which does not remain associated with the commodity.

Each piece of dunnage shall be marked with the ISPM 15 mark specifically designated for dunnage. In the event you purchase lumber to be cut up for dunnage, that lumber should be marked every two feet so at least one such mark will be on all dunnage components.



- a. **Trademark**-the identifying symbol, logo, or name of the accrediting agency
- b. **Facility Identification**-product manufacturer name, brand or assigned facility number
- c. **Heat Treated Mark**
- d. **Country Code**-the two letter ISO country abbreviation
- e. **Approved International Symbol for compliant wood packaging material**
- f. **Indication of use for dunnage (may be spelled out fully)**

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	Ethiopia	Kyrgyzstan	Papua New Guinea	Syria
Belize	Finland	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				