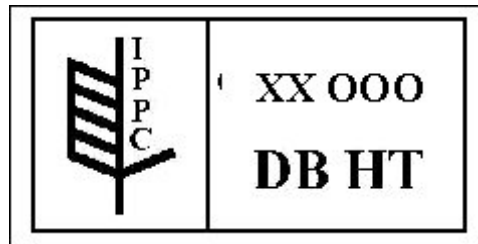


Dear Valued Client,

International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM15) guide for regulatory wood and wood packaging in International Trade.

The United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) Interim Commission on Phytosanitary Measures adopted ISPM15 in March 2002. This means that countries can now decide to implement these Internationally recognized import regulations to prevent the spread of wood pests.

The new International mark has been agreed and trademarked and is now authorized for use (as illustrated).



The approved treatments for wood packaging material are:

- Heat treatment (HT) to a minimum core temperature of 56deg C for a minimum of 30minutes
- Fumigation, using Methyl Bromide (MB) to the prescribed dosage and temperature.

To certify treatment the WPM must be marked with the above International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Logo. Paper certificates of treatment will no longer be required or accepted.

The logo represents the official IPPC Logo, a 2 letter country code (xx), a unique number (000) assigned by the National Plant Protection Organisation (NPPO), HT for Heat Treatment or MB for Methyl Bromide and DB to signify debarked.

The counties listed below have implemented the ISPM15 requirements:

USA
Canada
Mexico
Central & South America
South Africa
Europe
Australia
New Zealand
South Korea
Malaysia
Philippines



It is the responsibility of the shipper to ensure that any timber used in their packaging is compliant with the ISPM15 regulations. Please note that we will be requesting all clients to complete a declaration clarifying compliance with the new regulations especially for exports to the USA, Mexico and Canada where they have now been made mandatory as per our notifications distributed previously.

Our packing facility Patrick Logistics will be offering/providing fumigation or re-palletisation of cargo to the ISPM15 compliant pallets from end of September 05. We have however attached a list of compliant treatment providers in Australia for your convenience.

Once Patricks confirm they have the accreditation we will advise our clients accordingly of timeframes and pricing.

Further information can be found at www.affa.gov.au

Should you require any assistance or further information please do not hesitate to contact your local Vanguard Logistics Services customer service team in your State.

Kind regards and thank you for your continued support