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Attention: Customs Brokers
Freight Forwarders
Shipping Companies
Importers
Port Companies

From: MAF Quarantine Service
New Zealand

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Subject: **Wood Packaging and ISPM 15**

A new **Import Health Standard** for Wood Packaging Material has been **released**.

This reflects New Zealand's adoption of **ISPM 15** protocols.

This affects **all wood packaging** associated with cargo imported by any means (sea, air, containerised or break-bulk) into New Zealand including all dunnage.

From **1 July 2006** any wood packaging that **does not comply** with the Import Health Standard will be **treated, destroyed or reshipped** at the **importers expense**.

It is **easy to comply** with the Import Health Standard.

Non-compliance will be **expensive** and may **delay** the clearance of import consignments. More seriously **non-compliance** will also be **jeopardising New Zealand's biosecurity**.

For more information see:
www.biosecurity.govt.nz/woodpackaging

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