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UPDATED NEWS ON ISPM 15

Given below is the updated news from countries with regard to the implementation of ISPM 15 on cargoes packed with solid wood packaging materials. These information will be updated regularly and is available on AVA website at www.ava.gov.sg. For information on countries not listed in the table you can visit the website at www.ippc.int, www.timcon.org and www.forestry.gov.uk/planthealth.

COUNTRY	MARKING Under ISPM 15*	PHYTO-SANITARY CERTIFICATE (as interim measure)	OTHER INFORMATION
ARGENTINA	Yes		Implementation date 1 January 2006.
AUSTRALIA	Yes		Implementation date 1 Sep 2004. For further details, please visit: http://www.agis.gov.au/icon32/asp/ex_alert_scontent.asp . The exposure period of fumigation should be 24 hrs.
BRAZIL	Yes		Implementation date 11 July 2005
BOLIVIA	Yes		Implementation date 24 July 2005
BULGARIA	Yes		Implementation date 1 June 2006
CANADA	Yes		Implementation date 16 September 2005. For further details, please visit: http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveg/for/noted98-08e.shtml
CHILE	Yes		Implementation date 1 June 2005
CHINA	Yes		Implementation date 1 January 2006. For further details please visit http://www.aqsiq.gov.cn/cms/template/channel_dzwjy.html?cid=1416
COLOMBIA	Yes		Implementation date 16 September 2005
COSTA RICA	Yes		Implementation date 19 March 2006
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Yes		Implementation date 1 July 2006
EUROPEAN UNION	Yes		Implementation date 1 March 2005. For further details, please visit http://europa.eu.int The requirement for debarking marking is postponed to 1 January 2009.
ECUADOR	Yes		Implementation date 1 July 2005
EGYPT	Yes		Implementation date 1 October 2005
GUATEMALA	Yes		Implementation date 25 January 2005
HONDURAS	Yes		Implementation date 25 February 2006
HONG KONG			ISPM 15 or Phytosanitary certificate not

			required unless transiting through Hong Kong to China. For further information please refer to http://www.afcd.gov.hk/quarantine
INDIA	Yes		Implementation date 1 June 2005. For further details, please refer to http://www.plantquarantineindia.org or http://agricoop.nic.in
INDONESIA	Yes		Not yet officially implemented. But it is highly recommended that the WPM accompanied with packing declaration.
JAPAN	Yes		Implementation date April 2007
JORDAN	Yes		Implementation date 17 November 2005
LEBANON	Yes		Implementation date 26 March 2006
MEXICO			Implementation date 16 September 2005. For further information please refer to http://www.nappo.org/Standards/Other-Docs
NEW ZEALAND			Existing importation standards for wood packaging still apply. although the authorities have added ISPM-15 standards to the list of acceptable treatments. For more information, please visit http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/imports/forests/standards
NIGERIA	Yes		Implementation date 30 Sep 2004. In the absence of IPPC stamp and treatment certificate the consignment then should be accompanied with Phytosanitary certificate
OMAN	Yes		Implementation date Dec 2006
PARAGUAY	Yes		Implementation date 28 June 2005
PERU	Yes		Implementation date 1 September 2005
PHILIPPINES	Yes		Implementation date 1 June 2005. For more information please visit http://www.spsis.da.gov.ph
SEYCHELLES	Yes		Implementation date 1 March 2006
SOUTH KOREA	Yes		Implementation date 1 June 2005
SOUTH AFRICA	Yes		Implementation date 1 January 2005
SYRIA	Yes		Implementation date 1 April 2006
TAIWAN	Yes		Implementation date 1 November 2005
TURKEY	Yes		Implementation date 1 January 2006.
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	Yes		Implementation date 15 September 2005
UKRAINE	Yes		Implementation date 1 October 2005
USA	Yes		Implementation date 16 Sep 2005. For further details, please visit: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq
VENEZUELA	Yes		Implementation date 1 June 2005

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