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International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15 (ISPM 15)

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Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade

Marking



Symbol of International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)

ISO Country Code

Agency Code

Treatment Code
Treatment Provider Code

The marking

- may vary in size, font and placement.
- must be rectangular or square in shape and contained within a border line with a vertical line separating the symbol from the code components.
- must be legible, permanent and non-transferably attached to the wood packaging unit, preferably placed on at least two opposite sides.
- must not be handwritten and/or in red or orange color.

The International Standard for Plant Protection Measures (ISPM) is defined in the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC).

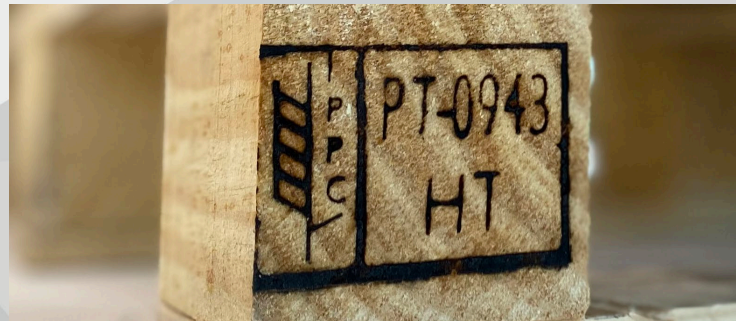
Regulated Wood

Packaging material made of (partly) solid wood

- boxes (crates and packaging cases)
- dunnage
- pallets
- cable drums
- spools/reels

Exemptions

- Thin wood with a thickness of 6 mm or less.
- Wood packaging made wholly of processed wood material that has been created using glue, heat or pressure:
 - plywood
 - particle board
 - oriented strand board
 - veneer
- Barrels for wine and spirits that have been heated during manufacture.
- Gift boxes for wine and cigars made from wood that has been processed and/or manufactured in a way that renders it free of pests.
- Sawdust, wood shavings and wood wool.
- Wood components permanently attached to means of transport or containers.



Treatment Methods

HT Heat Treatment
Temperature of the entire wood profile (including core) of at least 56°C over a period of 30 continuous minutes.

MB Treatment with Methyl bromide
Not permitted in the EU since 2010, but: wood treated before 2010 or originating from third countries is permitted.

DH Dielectric Heating
Temperature of the entire wood profile (including its surface) of at least 60°C for at least 1 continuous minute (max. wood thickness = 20 cm).

SF Treatment with sulfuryl fluoride

Consequences of Non-compliance

- Customs penalties of up to five times the value of the goods are possible.
- Customs requires the IPPC stamp. Even treated wood that does not have a legible stamp can be blocked by customs. Besides monetary penalties, Customs can demand the re-export of all goods or the entire container, even if only one package is non-compliant.