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To: All Traders & Forwarding Agents

UPDATED NEWS ON ISPM 15

The following is the updated news on countries that implement ISPM 15 on import of cargoes packed with solid wood packaging materials. Future updates of the requirements imposed by the importing countries will be posted on AVA's website, <http://www.ava.gov.sg/javascript/module3/web-prb-2003.htm>. Select other News and Notification and click "Updated News On ISPM 15". Hard copies of the updated news are also available from the above office.

COUNTRY	MARKING Under ISPM 15*	PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE (as interim measure)	OTHERS
ARGENTINA			Declaration under customs documentation stating that the wood packaging is bark and pest free.
AUSTRALIA	Yes		To take effect from Sep 2004. For further details, please visit: http://www.agis.gov.au/con32/asp/ex_topiccontent.asp?TopicType=Quarantine+Alert&TopicID=8270
CANADA	Yes		The target date of implementation is 1 April 2005. For further details, please visit: http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveq/for/noted98-08e.shtml
CHINA		Yes	Methyl Bromide fumigation or Heat Treatment is also necessary and the treatment must be endorsed in the Phytosanitary Certificate.
CHILE			The target date is 1 June 2005
EUROPEAN UNION	Yes		The date of implementation is set to 1 st March 2005. For further details, please visit http://europa.eu.int/servlet/portail/RenderServlet?search=RefPub&lg=en&nb_do_cs=25&domain=Legislation&in_force=NO&year=2004&month=10&day=6&coll=JOL&nu_jo=309&page=9
HONG KONG			Phytosanitary certificate not required unless transiting through Hong Kong to China. For further information please refer to http://www.afcd.gov.hk/quarantine/animals_e.htm

INDIA	Yes		The target date of implementation is 01 June 2005. For further details, please refer to http://www.plantquarantineindia.org/packinn.htm . or http://agricoop.nic.in
MEXICO			Aiming to adopt at the same time with USA. For further information please refer to http://www.nappo.org/Standards/Other-Docs/NOMEM144 Eng-rev.pdf
NEW ZEALAND			Follow the existing importation standards. For more information, please visit http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/imports/forests/standards/non-viable-forest-produce/wood-packaging.htm
NIGERIA	Yes		The target date is 30 th Sep 2004.
PHILIPPINES	Yes		Proposed date of implementation 1 st June 2004. For more information please visit http://www.spsis.da.gov.ph
SOUTH KOREA	Yes		Proposed date of implementation: 1 st June 2005
SOUTH AFRICA	Yes		Proposed date of implementation: 1 st January 2005
TURKEY	Yes		Proposed date of implementation 1 st Jan 2005. The wood packing material should be debarked and either heat treated or fumigated with MB and marked in accordance with ISPM-15.
USA	Yes		Date of Implementation 16 Sep 2005. During the interim period wood packing materials can be imported in compliance to the current import requirement (free of bark or accompanied with treatment documentation) . For further details, please visit: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/swp

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