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To: All Traders & Forwarding Agents

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*	PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE (as interim measure)	OTHER INFORMATION
ARGENTINA			Declaration under customs documentation stating that the wood packaging is bark and pest free.
AUSTRALIA	Yes		Implementation date 1 Sep 2004. For further details, please visit: http://www.agis.gov.au/icon32/asp/ex_alert_scontent.asp
CANADA	Yes		Implementation date 1 April 2005. For further details, please visit: http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveg/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	Yes		Implementation date 1 June 2005
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 March 2006.
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
INDIA	Yes		Implementation date 1 June 2005. For further details, please refer to http://www.plantquarantineindia.org 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
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
PERU	Yes		Implementation date 1 March 2005
PHILIPPINES	Yes		Implementation date 1 June 2005. For more information please visit http://www.spsis.da.gov.ph
SOUTH KOREA	Yes		Implementation date 1 June 2005
SOUTH AFRICA	Yes		Implementation date 1 January 2005
TURKEY	Yes		Deferred the date of implementation to 1 January 2006. The wood packing material should be debarked and either heat treated or fumigated with MB and marked in accordance with ISPM-15.
USA	Yes		Implementation date 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

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