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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 ww.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
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
COSTA RICA	Yes		Implementation date 19 March 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 30 September 2005
EGYPT	Yes		Implementation date 1 October 2005
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
JORDAN	Yes		Implementation date 17 November 2005
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
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
SOUTH KOREA	Yes		Implementation date 1 June 2005
SOUTH AFRICA	Yes		Implementation date 1 January 2005
TAIWAN	Yes		Implementation date 1 November 2005
TURKEY	Yes		Implementation date 1 January 2006.
UKRAINE	Yes		Implementation date 1 October 2005
USA	Yes		Implementation date 16 Sep 2005. For further details, please visit: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppg

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