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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 notified on AVA's website, <http://www.ava.gov.sg> under "More Information" and select "Circular" and then select "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		Planned to take effect at the end of 2004. For further details, please visit: http://www.agis.gov.au/icon32/asp/ex_topic_content.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/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.
EUROPEAN UNION	Yes		The proposed date of implementation is set to 1 st January 2005
INDIA	Yes		The target date of implementation is 1 Nov 2004. For further details, please refer to http://www.plantquarantineindia.org .

MEXICO			Aiming to adopt at the same time with USA.
NEW ZEALAND			Follow existing importation standards. For more information, please visit: http://www.maf.govt.nz/biosecurity/imports/forests
SOUTH KOREA	Yes		Proposed date of implementation: 1 st June 2005
SOUTH AFRICA	Yes		Proposed date of implementation: 1 st January 2005
USA	Yes		Not mandatory but aiming to achieve full implementation within 6 to 12 months later. For further details, please visit: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/swp/ .

**Please contact the above office for technical specification in relation to “Marking Under ISPM 15”.*

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