



New Import Policy and Export Program for

Wood Packaging



Effective January 2, 2004, Canada Enforces New Import Requirements for Wood Packaging.

Wood packaging must be treated to reduce the risk of transporting harmful pests. To meet new international obligations, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has developed regulations for the import and export of wood packaging from all countries other than the United States.

Importers

Wood packaging imported into Canada must meet the requirements of the CFIA policy directive D-98-08: *Entry Requirements for Wood Packaging Materials Produced in All Areas Other Than the United States* (3rd Revision). This regulatory policy reflects the guidelines established in the international standard, ISPM No. 15.

As members of the North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO), Canada, the US and Mexico will coordinate the phase-in of ISPM No. 15. During initial stages, we will be issuing notices for non-compliant wood packaging materials to the importer and government of the country of origin. As per normal procedures, Canada will maintain our container inspection program targeting wood packaging. If material is found to contain regulated pests during the phase-in period, the appropriate phytosanitary procedures will be implemented.

During the phase-in period starting January 2nd, 2004, wood packaging materials accompanying shipments from countries without a certification system in place may enter Canada provided they have been heat treated (56°C for 30 minutes) or fumigated at specific rates with methyl bromide. A government endorsed treatment certificate should accompany the wood packaging materials.

Strict enforcement of the policy will commence once all NAPPO countries have implemented ISPM No. 15. At that time, failure to meet D-98-08 may result in destruction of the wood packaging, refused entry and return to the country of origin, resulting in possible time delays, added costs and possible fines.

Exporters

Canadian exporters must meet the specific foreign import requirements for wood packaging. Exporters may use wood packaging products certified under the Canadian Wood Packaging Certification Program to ship to countries other than the United States. **Failure to meet foreign import requirements may result in the refusal of entry of your shipment, destruction of the wood packaging, suspension of trade and domestic penalties or fines.**

Certified Wood Packaging Sources

Wood packaging products for export can only be purchased from certified companies. The CFIA forestry site (*see below*) lists certified producers of export wood packaging.

For More Information

Go to www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveg/for/cwpc/wdpkge.shtml or call 1-800-442-2342 Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Eastern standard time.



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Brown Spruce Longhorned Beetle



Longicorne brun de l'épinette

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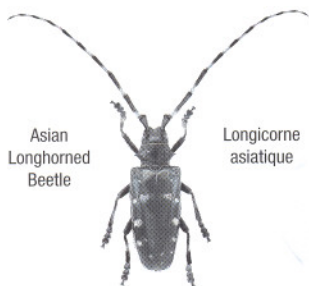
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The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) is an international treaty whose focus is to protect plants and plant products and to minimize the spread of their potential pests and diseases effectively. Over 100 countries are members of the IPPC and, together through collaboration, produced the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No.15 adopted in March, 2002.

Introduced pests (such as viruses, bacteria, fungi, insects) of plants and trees can have a serious negative impact on Canada's plants, including those important in the logging, horticulture and agriculture industries.

The provisions of ISPM No. 15 cover wood or wood products (excluding paper products) used in supporting, protecting or carrying a commodity, including dunnage. These wood products are known to harbour and spread serious pests and diseases when moved without adequate treatment.

As a member of the IPPC, Canada is adopting a set of guidelines for regulating the import of wood packaging materials (ISPM No.15). To meet our international obligations, Canada has harmonized our import regulations and produced an export certification program compliant with the international standard.



Asian Longhorned Beetle

Longicorne asiatique

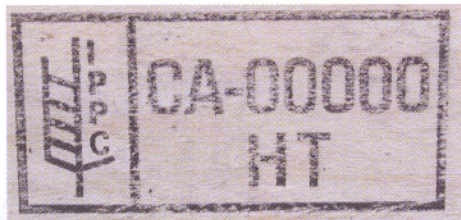
Help protect Canadian forests and related industries against plant and tree pests entering or exiting Canada via wood packaging.

Aidez-nous à protéger les forêts canadiennes et les industries qui en dépendent contre les organismes nuisibles des végétaux et des arbres qui entrent ou sortent du Canada par l'entremise du bois d'emballage.



This mark MUST appear on wood packaging materials to satisfy the requirements of ISPM No. 15.

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