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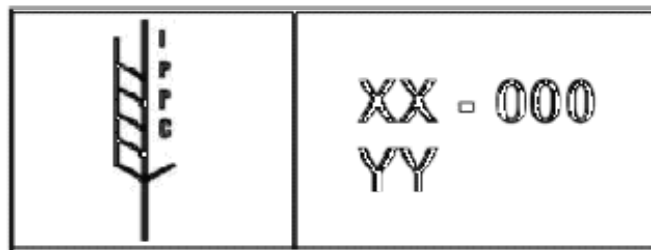
Dear Trade Partner:

This letter is to provide you with an update to my October 29, 2003 letter in which I advised that Canada was adopting International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15 (ISPM No.15), Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material (WPM) in International Trade, under Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) policy directive D-98-08.

Beginning July 5, 2006, any regulated wood packaging material found not to be in compliance with the import requirements specified above may be ordered removed from Canada by CFIA. Additional enforcement measures may also be applied to importers or those persons or entities in care and control of non-compliant wood packaging. All costs associated with the inspection or safe disposal of non-compliant material is the responsibility of the person or entity in care and control of the non-compliant wood packaging materials at the time of entry to Canada.

**ISPM No. 15 Standards:**

Require all wood packaging material (including pallets, dunnage, packing blocks, drums, spools, skids, crating, cases and gift boxes,) to be either heat treated or fumigated with methyl bromide in accordance with the guidelines and marked with an approved international mark certifying treatment<sup>1</sup>. CFIA may approve other treatment measures, if it can be proven that such measures are effective in minimizing the risk of quarantine pests associated with untreated wood packaging materials. Importers should contact a local office of the CFIA to enquire about the use of other treatments.





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- <sup>1</sup> XX: represents the International Standards Organization two letter country code for the country in which the wood packaging is produced
- 00 represents the official certification number issued to the facility producing the compliant wood packaging by the NPPO
- YY represents the treatment carried out, e.g., HT for heat treated wood or MB for methyl bromide treated wood.

**Exemptions:**

- wood packaging materials originating in the continental United States; and
- wood packaging materials made from manufactured wood, such as plywood, oriented strand board, fibre-board, etc., from paper or cardboard products or those made from non-wood articles; and
- wood packaging items made from wood less than 6 mm in thickness or from veneer peeler cores. Veneer peeler cores are a by-product of veneer production involving high temperatures and comprising the centre of a log remaining after the peeling process.

For additional information on entry requirements for wood packaging materials, please visit the following CFIA websites:

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveg/protect/dir/d-98-08e.shtml>

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveg/for/cwpc/wdpkge.shtml>

Yours sincerely,

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