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More about Quarantine Wood Packing Materials Regulations

The quarantine treatment requirements for wood packing materials (WPM) are covered by a country's import regulations. For example, the USDA regulates WPM that is imported into the United States and WPM that is exported from the US to other countries is regulated by the importing country.

In mid-2003, the USDA issued a proposed rule to amend the US regulations for the importation of solid wood packing material to adopt the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measure, ISPM Publication No. 15 as the standard for imported WPM. The proposed rule informs other countries about how the United States will deal with WPM entering the country and can be found at the USDA website, www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/swp.

US exporters and wood packing manufacturers who ship WPM to countries that have adopted ISPM Publication No. 15 into their import regulations must comply with the ISPM standard. A US Export WPM Fumigation Program has been developed and is being implemented to assist WPM exporters with complying with ISPM Publication No. 15 requirements. Oversight for this program is provided by the National Wood Pallet and Container Association (NWPCA) in agreement with USDA. Additional details for participation in this can be found under the NWPCA link on the USDA website.

While USDA does not regulate exported WPM, information to assist exporters and US wood packing manufacturers in complying with international guidelines, ISPM Publication No. 15 and other countries import requirements can be found on the USDA website, www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/swp.

ALWAYS READ AND FOLLOW LABEL DIRECTIONS



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