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ISPM-15 REGULATORY UPDATE

Countries with implementation changes since last update (January 26, 2006):

Based on published regulations by the countries below, the following are now or soon will be enforcing ISPM 15:

Bulgaria: January 24, 2006

Honduras: February 25, 2006

Japan: January 2007 (tentative date of implementation)

Lebanon: March 26, 2006

Seychelles: March 1, 2006

Syria: April 1, 2006

Ukraine: October 1, 2005

Vietnam: June 5, 2005

Summary information for countries that have begun implementation or announced plans to implement ISPM-15:

Argentina: June 1, 2006

Australia: September 1, 2004 (Variations to ISPM-15: Bark-free + packing declaration for ISPM-15 compliant WPM, 21-day rule does not apply); January 1, 2006 will add wood packaging used in break bulk and air cargo to their ISPM-15 enforcement.

Bulgaria: January 24, 2006

Bolivia: July 23, 2005 (Variation: Debarked WPM)

Brazil: June 1, 2005

Canada: September 16, 2005 (Note: Phase-in implementation; exemption granted to U.S.)

Chile: June 1, 2005 (Variation: Debarked WPM)

China: January 1, 2006 (Variation: MB fumigation for softwood packaging must use the 24-hour treatment schedule. ALSO: Although not a requirement, it is highly recommended to make a statement in Chinese language on the shipping invoice "WPM are ISPM 15-compliant," "WPM are exempt from ISPM 15" or "There is no WPM in this shipment.")

Colombia: September 16, 2005

Costa Rica: March 19, 2006
Ecuador: September 20, 2005 (Date change: previously April 26, 2004)
Egypt: October 1, 2005
European Union: March 1, 2005
Guatemala: September 16, 2005
Honduras: February 25, 2006
India: November 1, 2004 (Variation: Phytosanitary certificate required only for WPM not ISPM-15 compliant)
Japan: January 2007 (tentative date of implementation)
Jordan: November 17, 2005
Lebanon: March 26, 2006
Mexico: September 16, 2005 (Note: Phase-in implementation since January 1, 2004)
New Zealand: April 16, 2003 (Variation: Bark-free WPM)
Nigeria: September 30, 2004
Panama: Not yet enforcing ISPM 15
Paraguay: June 28, 2005
Peru: March 1, 2005
Philippines: June 1, 2005
Seychelles: March 1, 2006
South Africa: January 1, 2005 (Variation: 24-MB schedule for softwood packaging)
South Korea: June 1, 2005 (Variation: MB fumigation for softwood packaging must use the 24-hour treatment schedule.)
Switzerland: March 1, 2005
Syria: April 1, 2006
Trinidad & Tobago: September 15, 2005
Turkey: January 1, 2006 (Variation: Debarked WPM)
Ukraine: October 1, 2005
U.S.: September 16, 2005 (Note: Phase-in implementation; exemption granted to Canada -- must provide import declaration that shipment derived from trees harvested in U.S. or Canada -- import lumber must be ISPM-15)
Venezuela: June 1, 2005
Vietnam: June 5, 2005

ISPM-15 Requirements

Compliance with ISPM-15 for wood packaging materials allows for two treatment options:

Heat Treatment (HT): Wood packaging material should be heated in a schedule that achieves a minimum core temperature of 56°C for a minimum of 30 minutes. The American Lumber Standards Committee administers the U.S. certification program for heat treatment.

Methyl Bromide (MB) Fumigation: The wood packaging material should be fumigated with methyl bromide. NWPCA has been tasked by the U.S. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to administer the fumigation program.

NOTE: ISPM 15 requirements apply to all species of coniferous (softwood) and non-coniferous (hardwood) packaging materials.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to give us a call (408-946-4971). We certainly appreciate your business.

Best regards,
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