

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARD FOR PHYTOSANITARY
MEASURES (ISPM) NO. 15 CONCERNING WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL**

Communication from Indonesia

The following communication, received on 2 March 2010, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Indonesia.

I. BACKGROUND

1. Wood packaging that is imported into the territory of the Republic of Indonesia has the potential to act as a carrier of quarantine pests. Regarding this issue, the Government of Indonesia adopted the Decree of the Minister of Agriculture No. 12/2009 concerning Requirements and Plant Quarantine Actions for the Importation of Wood Packaging into the Territory of the Republic of Indonesia. This Decree has been notified to the WTO Secretariat in notification G/SPS/N/IDN/27, dated 29 May 2006, and the entry into force of the regulation has been notified under in G/SPS/N/IDN/27/Add.1, dated 20 April 2009.

2. Following the revision of the ISPM No. 15 in 2009, in order to implement the Minister Decree No. 12/2009 effectively and efficiently, the Indonesian Agricultural Quarantine Agency of the Ministry of Agriculture prepared the Decree of the Director General of Indonesian Agricultural Quarantine Agency No. 295 of 2009 concerning Implementation Guidelines of the Decree of the Minister of Agriculture No. 12/2009 as guidelines for Plant Quarantine Inspectors conducting plant quarantine measures related to the importation of wood packaging material into the territory of the Republic of Indonesia.

3. Indonesia considers the implementation of both Decrees to be in accordance with the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 15 of 2002 and the revised ISPM No. 15 of 2009.

II. SCOPE OF WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL

4. In the Decree of the Director General of the Indonesian Agricultural Quarantine Agency No. 295 of 2009, Wood Packaging Materials are defined as wood or unprocessed wood products that are used to wedge or pack in the shipment and/or accompany the import commodity, with a thickness of more than 6 mm. Wood Packaging Materials mentioned in the Decree, such as pallets, skids, crates, dunnage, drums, cases, load boards and pallet collars that are used in the importation of a commodity into the territory of the Republic of Indonesia, are subject to plant quarantine requirements and measures.

5. The following articles are to be exempted from the provisions of this Decree:
- (a) Wood packaging material made entirely from thin wood (6 mm or less);
 - (b) Wood packaging made wholly of processed wood material that has been created using glue, heat and pressure, or a combination thereof, such as plywood, particle board, oriented strand board, veneer, and veneer peeler cores;
 - (c) Barrels of wine and spirits that have been heated during manufacture;
 - (d) Gift boxes for wine, cigars and other commodities made from wood that has been processed and/or manufactured in a way that renders it free of pests;
 - (e) Sawdust, wood shaving, wood wool; and
 - (f) Wood components permanently attached to freight vehicles and containers.

III. REQUIREMENTS ON THE IMPORTATION OF WOOD PACKAGING MATERIALS INTO THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

6. Every importation of wood packaging material into the territory of the Republic of Indonesia must comply with the following requirements:

- (a) Enter through a designated point of entry as defined by the Decree of the Minister of Agriculture No. 469 of 2002 concerning the Entry and Exit Points for Quarantine Pest Carriers;
- (b) Be notified and submitted to a Plant Quarantine Inspector at the point of entry for quarantine measures; and
- (c) Debarked, with exemptions as follows:
 - less than 3 cm in width (regardless of the length); or
 - greater than 3 cm in width, with the total surface area of an individual piece of bark less than 50 square cm.
- (d) Marked, with the marking carried out by a registered institution in the country of origin or in the transit country, as follows.
 - For reused wood packaging material which has been marked, the original mark, as long as the condition of the material still complies with the requirements (is not broken and is not contaminated with quarantine pests) and still can be reused;
 - For repaired wood packaging material, not more than two (2) are allowed: the original mark and a mark on the repaired component; and
 - For remanufactured wood packaging material, the material must be re-treated and marked with a new mark.

Packing Declaration

7. In order to facilitate the investigation of the packaging identity of an import commodity, the owner or authorized party shall submit the Packing Declaration published by the wood packaging provider, exporter, forwarder, or shipping lines in the country of origin or transit country to the Plant Quarantine Inspector by the time of reporting, with a carbon copy to the Customs Office.

8. The Packing Declaration must contain such information as the quantity of wood packaging, explanations about markings, and the container number.

- (a) For import commodities that are not accompanied by a Packing Declaration, the entirety of the packaging of the imported commodity needs to be inspected; and
- (b) For import commodities that are accompanied by a Packing Declaration but do not use wood packaging or use wood packaging material which is exempted from this Decree, the packaging will not be subject to further plant quarantine measures.

Application of the Mark

9. The Mark that is added on the wood packaging imported into the territory of the Republic of Indonesia must be:

- (a) Clear, and permanent (does not fade or could not be erased or moved, is not in the form of a sticker);
- (b) Limited to not more than two kinds of mark;
- (c) Placed in a visible location, preferably at least on the two opposite sides of the wood packaging unit;
- (d) Not be hand drawn;
- (e) In any color other than red or orange;
- (f) Intact;
- (g) Indicate one kind of treatment for each packaging;
- (h) Added only on the wood packaging, not on the commodity or container; and
- (i) Added after verifying that the packaging has been subjected to an approved treatment.

Type of Accepted Mark

10. Variants of the required components of the mark that is used to certify that the wood packaging material has been subjected to an approved treatment will be accepted provided that they meet the requirements set out in the Revised ISPM No.15 of 2009.

Treatment

11. The purpose of the treatment is to protect wood packaging material from quarantine pests. Treatment of the wood packaging material may be conducted using methyl bromide (CH₃Br), heat treatment (HT) or other equivalent treatments that could protect wood packaging material from quarantine pest.

12. Treatments shall comply with ISPM No. 15 of 2009.
