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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.

Member to Agreement notifying: OMAN

If applicable, name of local government involved:

2.

Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries

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Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Wood packaging material.

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Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries.

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Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, ISPM No.15: Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade - 2002 (Available in English, 12 pages).

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Description of content: The Sultanate of Oman will apply the above mentioned international standard which describes the processes of treatment of wood packing materials against pests by approved measures and recognised with specific mark to facilitate verifications during inspection at the point of entry.

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Objective and rationale: food safety, animal health, plant protection,

protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, protect territory from other damage from pests

8.

International standard, guideline or recommendation:

Codex Alimentarius Commission, World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), International Plant Protection Convention, None

If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: ISPM No.15 with no deviations.

9.

Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: A notice of the application of the international standard ISPM No.15 will appear in the national daily newspapers.

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Proposed date of adoption: December 2006

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Proposed date of entry into force: December 2006

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Final date for comments: End of October 2006

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: National notification authority,

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