

ISPM15 Regulations - Timber for Export

Do you use timber in packing for export?



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In order to prevent the global spread of plant pests and diseases the **International Plant Protection Convention** (IPPC – www.ippc.int), as part of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation’s global programme, have published "Guidelines for regulating wood packaging material in international trade". This publication is referred to by its title; **International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, number 15 (ISPM15)**.

ISPM's are the standards, guidelines and recommendations recognised as the basis for phytosanitary measures applied by Members of the **World Trade Organization** (WTO) under the agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures.

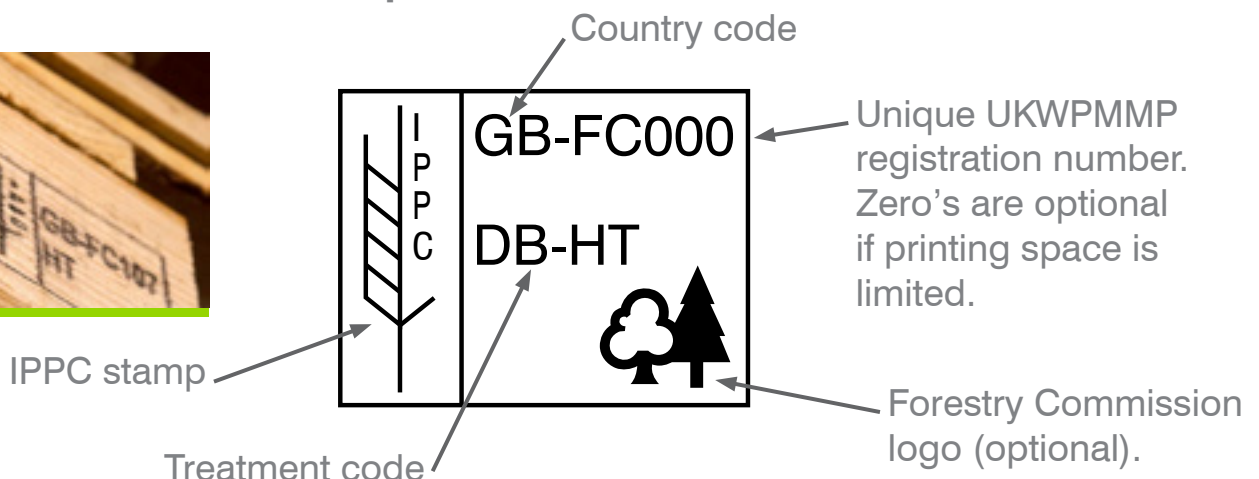
Primarily, the ISPM15 standard gives guidelines for the treatment of coniferous and non-coniferous (raw) wood packaging to ensure that it is free of plant pests & disease. It covers wood packaging material (WPM) such as pallets, dunnage, crating, packing blocks, drums, cases, load boards, pallet collars and skids.

You may be interested to note that Press-wood Pallets are manufactured using the methods referred to below, and as such they are regarded as being outside of the regulations and do not need further treatment or markings.

ISPM15: - "Wood packaging made wholly of wood-based products such as plywood, particle board, oriented strand board or veneer that have been created using glue, heat and pressure or a combination thereof should be considered sufficiently processed to have eliminated the risk associated with the raw wood.

It is unlikely to be infested by raw wood pests during its use and therefore should not be regulated for these pests."

What to look for on timber exports



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