

Wood Packaging

- The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) established international ISPM 15 Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade, to prevent the dissemination of harmful plant pests in wood packing materials and dunnage, such as wooden pallets, spreader boards etc.
- The international standard concerns delivery of shipments in solid wood (hardwood and softwood) packing materials, including wooden pallets, to IPPC/ISPM Signatory Countries.
- Solid wood packing material (hardwood and softwood) shall be either heat treated or fumigated and marked in accordance with ISPM 15 marking (example given below).
- Solid wood dunnage (i.e., wooden pallets, skids and spreader boards etc.), shall be either heat treated or fumigated and also marked in accordance with ISPM 15.
- Wood packing materials including dunnage less than 6 mm and wood processed with glue, heat, or pressure treated (i.e. plywood or particle board) are exempt from the treatment process and IPPC marking requirement.
- Wood packing, dunnage etc. must be free of bark.
- Refer to the import restrictions by country from the local competent authority.
- In addition to the required IPPC Marking, certain countries also require the packaging be accompanied by certification or the exporter's statement that the wood is treated (fumigated, kiln dried, or heat treated).
- For current ISPM Signatories countries refer to <https://ispm15.com/>

Example of ISPM 15 Marking

