IPPC ISPM 15 International Standard for Wood Packaging
Summary of Requirements by Country

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Changes Since Last Revision:

U.S. and Canada set to remove exemption of IPPC ISPM 15 requirements for WPM shipments between countries. Full implementation of the Standard is expected to be in place by the summer of 2012. In a harmonized effort once both countries adopt the requirement for full requirements of ISPM 15, a period of "informed compliance" will be announced, during which WPM found non-compliant will be allowed to proceed to it's destination provided no pests are present accompanied by a notification that the WPM will need to comply with ISPM 15 by the full implementation date.

Jamaica announced it has implemented IPPC ISPM 15 requirements for inbound shipments to the country

Country	IPPC ISPM 15 Enforcement Date	Current Requirements for Wood Packaging	Country Agency of Regulations
Argentina 	January 1, 2006	Originally announced intentions to WTO on 4/27/05, stating "All wood packaging and/or support material and dunnage entering or in transit through Argentina must be treated and certified by means of the corresponding mark in accordance with ISPM 15." A subsequent WTO announcement addendum on 11/16/05 stated that the original Resolution was adopted and the measure entered into full force on January 1, 2006.	National Agriculture and Food Quality and Health Service (SENASA)

Australia 	September 1, 2004	As of 12/09, the Australian requirement for plywood/veneer used only as packaging material with imported goods has changed, according to their year-end announcement. **Australia no longer requires a "Newly Manufactured Plywood Declaration" for plywood/veneer packaging material.** This means that the previous Australian regulation that requried plywood to have been manufactured 90 days prior to the shipment of wood packaging that contained plywood is no longer in effect. **However, the "Packing Declaration Form" will remain necessary to send with shipments and has been revised.** **The new rule is effective immediately.** With the exception of the continued need to supply the Packing Declaration Form, shipping to Australia should be the same as to all other countries that enforce the IPPC ISPM 15 Standard. The Notice further states that AQIS will monitor the risks associated with plywood/veneer packing through its current "Import Clearance Effectiveness Surveys" and may periodically target surveillance for packaging to verify that risks are being adequately managed. See AQIS Notice to Industry 61/2009. To view/download AQIS regulations, notices, and forms, refer to the "Useful Website Links" section located at bottom of this table.	Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS)
Bolivia 	July 24, 2005	Official announcement forwarded to USDA APHIS and WTO on July 4, 2005 regarding their intentions for implementation of ISPM 15. **At this point, they are requiring the wood packaging to be constructed from debarked wood.**	Servicio Nacional de Sanidad Agropecuraria y Inocuidad Alementaria (SENASAG)
Brazil 	June 1, 2005	According to USDA APHIS, Brazil has adopted ISPM 15 regulations, effective June 1, 2005. **In addition, wood packaging material must be free from signs of live pest infestation.**	Secretaria de Defesa Agropecuaria
Bulgaria 	June 1, 2006	An official notice of adoption and implementation of ISPM 15 requirements by Bulgaria was released by WTO on 2/22/06. It states, "wood packaging entering Bulgaria must be treated and certified in accordance with the standards established in IPPC ISPM 15." **As of 1/1/07, Bulgaria is now a member of the European Union**, which requires IPPC ISPM compliant wood packaging materials for incoming shipments.	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, National Plant Protection Service (no link)
Canada 	Final Phase-in July 5, 2006	US, Canada, and Mexico will coordinate implementation of ISPM 15 through a phase-in period beginning September 16, 2005 for all wood packaging entering North America. Refer to the link at the bottom of this table under "Useful Website Links" to view important NAPPO Importation information OR see the phase-in details section, also at the bottom of this table. **U.S. and Canada set to remove exemption of IPPC ISPM 15 requirements for WPM shipments between countries. Full implementation of the Standard is expected to be in place by the summer of 2012.**	Canadian Food Inspection Service (CFIA)
Chile 	June 1, 2005	Chile notified the WTO of their intent to implement and enforce ISPM 15 regulations for wood packaging.	Servicio Agricola y Ganadero (SAG)