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To: All Exporters

Dear Exporters

Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) have received the highest number of notifications for interceptions from trade partners associated with wood packaging material (WPM) non-compliances. The interceptions were based on treatment failures; WPM not properly debarked, not marked and/or marks not according to ISPM No. 15 marking requirements.

Subsequent to increasing interceptions, DAFF is introducing and enforcing the use of wood packaging material declaration form by all exporters. The form shall be completed by the exporter or representative and submitted to DAFF for verification together with every application for export certification such as applications for phytosanitary certificate, liquor export certification and OIC certificates.

Exporters are therefore given until the 1st of April 2015 (implementation date on Wine Online) to become accustomed with the new system, thereafter DAFF will not process applications for export certificates that are not accompanied by a completed wood packaging material declaration form.

Attached to this notice is the wood packaging material declaration form template and exporters guideline for wood packaging material.

For enquiries contact your nearest DAFF – Inspection Services office.

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DECLARATION OF WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL SCREEN

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HOME	SAWIS	DOCUMENTATION		STATUS	OFFICIAL USE	IMPORTS	LOG OFF	
APPLICATION TYPE	CONSIGNEE	PRODUCT SEARCH	PRODUCT	PRODUCT DETAILS	SAMPLES	APPLICATION	WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL DECLARATION	SUMMARY
DECLARATION OF WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL								
* Will wood packaging material be used in the consignment? :						Please select ▼		
Is the wood packaging material marked with an IPPC-ISPM 15 mark? :						Please select ▼		
Number of ISPM 15 registration code(s) as indicated on the mark :						1 <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="GO"/>		
ISPM 15 registration code						1. <input type="text"/>		
Is the registration code registered with DAFF-DIS for ISPM 15 compliance? (Registration status can be verified at www.daff.gov.za) :						Please select ▼		
Indicate the type of wood packaging material used and quantity declared : (e.g. 20 pallets, crates, dunnage, and boxes)						<input type="text"/>		
Is the wood packaging material free of bark and visible infestation? :						Please select ▼		
<input type="checkbox"/> I hereby declare that: The above particulars are true and correct to my knowledge at the current time. That all wood packaging material to be used in this consignment will be marked with an IPPC- ISPM 15 mark and will be free from bark and visible infestation.								
* Name :						<input type="text"/>		
* Contact Number :						<input type="text"/>		
All fields marked with a * are required.								
<input type="button" value=" << Back"/>						<input type="button" value=" Next >>"/>		

The wood packaging material declaration screen will be shown during the export application process and you will need to fill in the required information.

Should you not have all the information at this stage you will still be able to continue the application. The function to update and complete your wood packaging material declaration will be available at all times under the following path on Wine Online:

DOCUMENTATION – DOCUMENTS – APPLICATIONS – ADDITIONAL DECLARATIONS.

Should the wood packaging material declaration not be completed within 31 days from the export consignment loading date all applications for export and exemption certificates will be blocked until the wood packaging material declaration has been completed.



Exporter's Guideline for Wood Packaging Material: ISPM No.15

1. What is ISPM no 15?

ISPM No 15 (International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures no 15) is a standard developed and endorsed by the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) which serves as a guideline for regulating wood packaging material in the international trade.

2. Why is wood packaging material regulated?

Wood packaging material is made of raw wood which originates from living or dead trees that may be infested by pests. This raw wood may not have undergone sufficient processing or treatment to remove or kill pests and as such, remain a pathway for the introduction and spread of quarantine pests. Regulating this material would reduce significantly the risk of introduction and spread of most quarantine pests that may be associated with the particular material.

3. What are the regulated wood packaging materials?

All packaging material such as pallets, crates, boxes, packing cases, dunnage, cable drums and spools/reels made from wood.



Figure 1.



Figure 2.



Figure 3.



Figure 4.

4. What are the exempted wood packaging materials?

The following articles are of sufficiently low risk to be exempted from the provisions of ISPM 15 standard:

- Wood packaging material made entirely from thin wood (6 mm or less in thickness).
- Wood packaging made wholly of processed wood material, such as plywood, particle board, oriented strand board or veneer that has been created using glue, heat or pressure, or a combination thereof.
- Barrels for wine and spirit that have been heated during manufacturing.
- 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.
- Sawdust, wood shavings and wood wool;
- Wood components permanently attached to freight vehicles and containers.

5. What are the approved treatments associated with wood packaging material?

Approved measures consist of phytosanitary procedures including debarking, treatment (Heat Treatment, Dielectric Heating or Methyl Bromide) and marking of the wood packaging material.

Heat treatment (HT): Wood packaging material should be heated in accordance with a specific time-temperature schedule that achieves a minimum wood core temperature of 56 °C for a minimum of 30 continuous minutes throughout the entire profile of the wood.

Dielectric Heating (DH): Where dielectric heating is used (e.g. microwave), wood packaging material composed of wood not exceeding 20 cm when measured across the smallest dimension of the piece or the stack must be heated to achieve a minimum temperature of 60 °C for 1 continuous minute throughout the entire profile of the wood including its surface. The prescribed temperature must be reached within 30 minutes from the start of the treatment.

Methyl Bromide (MB): Wood packaging material must be fumigated with methyl bromide in accordance with a schedule that achieves the minimum concentration-time product over 24 hours at the temperature and final residual concentration. The minimum temperature of the wood and its surrounding atmosphere must be not less than 10°C and the minimum exposure time must be not less than 24 hours.

6. What are the marking requirements associated with wood packaging material?

An **IPPC mark** indicating that wood packaging material has been subjected to approved phytosanitary treatment in accordance with ISPM 15 standard comprises the following required components:

- IPPC symbol
- Country code e.g. ZA for South Africa
- Producer/treatment provider code
- Treatment code using the appropriate abbreviation (HT, DH or MB)

Mark should be:

- Legible, permanent and not transferable.
- Placed in a visible location, preferably on at least two opposite sides of the article being certified.
- Rectangular or square in shape.
- Surrounded by border lines with vertical line separating IPPC logo from country information.

- No other information shall be contained within the borders of the mark.
- Must not be hand drawn.
- No variations in the symbol/mark should be accepted.

Examples of acceptable MB and HT mark

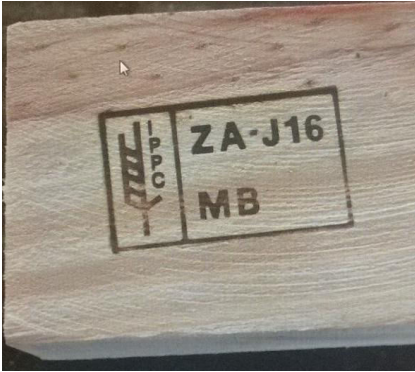


Figure 5.



Figure 6.

7. Compliant wood packaging material should be:

- Treated and marked in accordance with ISPM No. 15 requirements by service providers registered with DAFF-DIS for ISPM No.15 compliance.
- Database of registered service providers is available on DAFF website, www.daff.gov.za. The database is regularly updated due to registration status changes as such Exporters are encouraged to regularly verify their service providers registration status to ensure compliance.
- Made of debarked wood and free from infestation.

8. Consequences of non-compliances:

- Consignments will be rejected for export certification.
- Consignments will be intercepted by importing countries and returned to country of origin and/or treated at exporter's expense.
- Loss of export markets.

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