

Quarantine Requirements for Wood Packaging Material used in Imported Commodity

1. Wood packaging material (WPM) shall cover wood cases, crating, skids, pallets, wooden frames, dums, wood axle, wood cleat, dunnage, sleepers and packing blocks which are used in loading, packing, mating, supporting or fixing the commodity.

The following WPMs are exempt from this requirements:

- (1) made from wood less than 6 mm in thickness.
 - (2) created using glue, heat and pressure or combination method.
 - (3) treated by paint or stain.
 - (4) treated by tar or other preservatives.
 - (5) used as containers loaded with liquor.
2. WPM shall be treated prior to export by one of the following methods in accordance with International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15 (ISPM 15) under the supervision of the plant quarantine authority of the exporting country.

2.1 Methyl bromide (MB) fumigation:

The minimum standard for methyl bromide fumigation treatment is as follows:

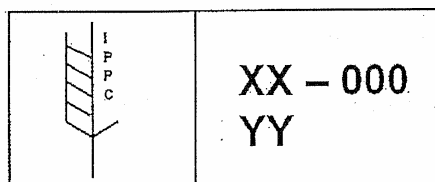
Temperature	Dosage rate (g/m ³)	Minimum concentration (g/m ³) at:			
		2hrs.	4hrs.	16hrs.	24hrs.
21°C or above	48	36	31	28	24
16°C or above	56	42	36	32	28
10°C or above	64	48	42	36	32

The minimum temperature should not be less than 10°C and the minimum exposure time should be at least 24 hours.

2.2 Heat treatment (HT):

WPM should be heated to achieve a minimum wood core temperature of 56°C for a minimum of 30 minutes.

3. WPM treated by the approved measures should be marked in accordance with ISPM 15. The specified mark is shown below:



The mark should include the:

- IPPC symbol
- XX: ISO two letter country code
- 000: unique number assigned by the NPPO to the producer of the WPM.
- YY: the approved measure used (MB: methyl bromide fumigation; HT: heat treatment)

4. WPM which does not comply with the quarantine requirements as described above shall

be treated by methods described in point 2 or destroyed or reshipped with the imported commodity on importer's request.

The plant quarantine authority may request the importer to have the WPM reshipped under following conditions:

- 4.1 The treatment can not be carried out in current treatment facilities due to the size of the WPM or other reasons.
- 4.2 The WPM can not be separated from the commodity and importer disagrees the commodity to be treated together with WPM.