



Wood Packaging Material (WPM) to the United States

Effective September 16, 2005, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will require all un-manufactured WPM imported into the US to be heat treated or fumigated with methyl bromide, and marked with the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) logo.

XX represents the International Standards Organization Country

000 represents the unique number assigned by the national plant protection organization to the treatment facility

YY represents either heat treated (HT) or methyl bromide fumigated (MB)



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This new rule applies to all types of WPM including but not limited to dunnage, crating, pallets, packing blocks, drums, cases, and skids. When the IPPC logo is inaccessible, such as a customer loaded container, the shipper must state in writing or on the airwaybill that the shipment does not contain any untreated WPM.

Excluded from the new requirements are:

- Pieces of wood that are less than 6mm or 0.24 inches in any dimension.
- Loose WPM such as wood shavings, saw dust, etc.
- Processed WPM that have received more than primary processing, such as plywood, corrugated board, fiberboard, veneer, whisky and wine barrels, oriented strand boards, etc.
- WPM imported from Canada

The USDA may direct any shipments not meeting these requirements to be re-exported at the shipper's expense.

Thank you for your cooperation.

