



ISPM 15 – COUNTRY IMPLEMENTATION DATES

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Note: For convenience changes to the table are in red.

Country	Implementation date
Argentina	Date of enforcement 1 January 2006 .
Australia	<p>Containerised Cargo As of 1 May 2006 Australia began enforcing mandatory treatment (either onshore or off-shore) for all solid wood packaging imported with containerised cargo. All untreated wood packaging will be subject to one of the following: mandatory onshore treatment, re-export or destruction at the importer’s expense.</p> <p>Air Cargo and Break Bulk For wooden packaging imported with air cargo and in break bulk consignments, AQIS is still developing systems to manage the associated quarantine risk. Until such time as this system has been developed AQIS will continue to monitor air cargo and break bulk packaging via surveillance. If quarantine risks such as insect infestation or bark are identified, the consignment will be held and the packaging will be treated. Alternatively, the packaging can be removed from the consignment, re-exported or destroyed at the importer’s expense.</p> <p>Further information For further information regarding ISPM 15 packaging clearance, please see the ISPM 15 Frequently Asked Questions page of the AQIS website. If you require further assistance please contact the Timber and Timber Products National Co-ordination Centre on telephone: 03 8318 6929, fax 03 8318</p>

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Bolivia	Date of enforcement May 24, 2005 , The Bolivian regulations require imported wood packaging to be constructed from debarked wood and to be treated and marked according to the ISPM 15 standard. However, there are no requirements that the wood be marked as manufactured from debarked wood. Wood packaging made from unmarked wood may be retained and either treated, destroyed or re-exported.
Brazil	Date of enforcement 11 July 2005 .
Bulgaria	Date of enforcement 24 January 2006 .
Canada	As of 5 July 2006 , imports must comply with requirements of ISPM No. 15 or be subject to removal from the importing country.
Chile	Date of enforcement 1 June 2005 , will accept a Phytosanitary certificate in lieu of the ISPM 15 mark. At present Chile requires debarked wood packaging.
China	Date of enforcement 1 January 2006 . Note: to facilitate entry of consignments containing wooden packaging into China it is recommended that a statement confirming that wooden packaging material used in the consignment is ISPM 15 compliant, is included on documentation accompanying consignments. Documentation may include packing declarations, packing lists or invoices. Treatment certificates are not required.
Colombia	Date of enforcement 15 September 2005 .
Costa Rica	Date of enforcement 19 March 2006 .
Dominican Republic	Date of enforcement 1 July 2006 .
Ecuador	Date of enforcement 30 September 2005 .
Egypt	Date of enforcement 1 October 2005 .
European Union: <i>Austria,</i> <i>Belgium,</i> <i>Bulgaria,</i> <i>Cyprus, Czech Republic,</i> <i>Denmark,</i> <i>Estonia,</i> <i>Finland,</i> <i>France,</i> <i>Germany,</i> <i>Greece,</i> <i>Hungary,</i> <i>Ireland, Italy,</i> <i>Latvia,</i> <i>Lithuania,</i> <i>Luxembourg,</i> <i>Malta,</i> <i>Netherlands,</i> <i>Poland,</i> <i>Portugal,</i> <i>Romania,</i>	Directive 2004/102/EC, which entered into force on 1 March 2005 , requires the following measures to be taken for wood packaging material and dunnage entering the EU from all countries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the wood must be either heat treated or fumigated with methyl bromide, in line with ISPM 15 procedures; • the wood must be officially marked with the ISPM 15 stamp. From 1 January 2009 , all wood packaging material imported into the EU must be debarked. Dunnage must meet the same criteria as wood packaging material. However, it is exempted until the end of 2007 if it is made of wood free from bark, pests and signs of live pests. For WPM manufactured, repaired or recycled prior to 28 February 2005 , the logo specified in Annex II to ISPM 15 is not applicable until 31 December 2007 . Additional information is available at: http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/plant/index_en.htm .

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<i>Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom</i>	
Fiji	Have indicated intention to adopt ISPM 15 but no official enforcement date has been confirmed.
Guatemala	Date of enforcement 25 January 2005.
Honduras	Date of enforcement 25 February 2006.
Hong Kong	Not likely to implement, no official information.
India	Enforcement date 1 November 2004. A Phytosanitary certificate endorsed with treatment details is required unless the wood packaging material is ISPM 15 compliant and marked accordingly. In addition wooden packaging material must be free of bark.
Indonesia	Likely to implement in mid 2006, no official confirmation of enforcement date available.
Japan	Date of enforcement 1 April 2007.
Jordan	Date of enforcement 17 November 2005.
Lebanon	Date of enforcement 1 July 2006.
Mexico	As of 5 July 2006 , imports must comply with requirements of ISPM No. 15 or be subject to removal from the importing country.
New Caledonia	Date of enforcement 1 June 2006.
New Zealand	From 1 July 2006 wood packaging must comply with the Import Health Standard Wood Packaging Material from All Countries . Consignments will be risk profiled and a subset of these will be selected for inspection. Any non-compliant wood will be treated, reshipped or destroyed. To be compliant wood packaging must be treated in accordance with the Import Health Standard using one of the following methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heat treatment - Fumigated with methyl bromide - Fumigated with phosphine - Chemical preservation Wood packaging treated and marked in accordance with the ISPM 15 standard meets the requirement of the Import Health Standard. Additional information is available at: www.maf.govt.nz .
Nicaragua	Have confirmed the adoption and the intent to enforce ISPM 15, no official enforcement date has advised.
Nigeria	Nigeria Plant Quarantine Service is now enforcing their import requirements for imported wood packaging material. Nigeria will accept the ISPM 15 mark in lieu of the phytosanitary certificate as stated in their regulation, which took effect September 30, 2004.
Norway	Have confirmed the intent to enforce ISPM 15 from 1 January 2008. Wood packaging material including packing cases and boxes, crates, drums and similar packing, pallets, box pallets and other load boards, pallet collars, as well as wood used to wedge or support cargo must have been treated and marked according to ISPM 15.
Oman	Date of enforcement 1 December 2006.
Panama	Date of enforcement 17 February 2005.
Paraguay	Date of enforcement 28 June 2005.

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Peru	Date of enforcement 1 September 2005 . Wood packaging material must be manufactured from debarked wood.
Philippines	Date of enforcement 1 June 2005 . All wood packaging material (such as cases, crating, dunnage, drums, load boards, packing blocks, pallets, pallet collars, and skids) must comply with ISPM 15 requirements.
Republic of South Korea	Date of enforcement 1 June 2005 . Containers will be randomly selected for inspection to confirm wood packaging complies with ISPM 15. Failure to comply with ISPM 15 will result in the wood packaging material being directed for treatment.
Samoa	Phytosanitary certificate is required unless wood packaging material is ISPM 15 compliant. If not ISPM 15 compliant, then one of the following treatments is required within 21 days of export from Australia. Fumigation with Methyl Bromide or Sulphuryl fluoride at 80g/m ³ for more than 24 continuous hours, at a minimum temperature of 10°C. Phosphine fumigation at 1.41 g/m ³ for 72 hours at a minimum 10°C and maximum 30°C. Filleted to 300mm maximum. Heat treatment at 70°C core temperature for more than 4 hours. Or by an approved chemical preservation method. All wood packaging material must be free of bark, quarantine pests, decay and other fungi and soil. All wood packaging material will be inspected on arrival in Samoa.
Seychelles	Date of enforcement 1 March 2006
Singapore	Singapore is not demanding ISPM 15 compliance in its own right. For transshipment cargo, and any cargo that is imported solely for re-export, it is recommended that the wooden packaging material should be treated and certified at the country of origin in accordance with the destination country's requirements for wood packaging material.
South Africa	Date of enforcement 1 March 2005 .
Sri Lanka	Date of adoption 1 March 2004 no confirmation of date of enforcement.
Switzerland	Date of enforcement 1 March 2005
Syria	Date of enforcement 1 April 2006
Taiwan	Notification of Taiwan's intent to implement the ISPM 15 standard has been issued and draft requirements have been proposed. Date of enforcement will be 1 January 2009. The draft requirements are available at: http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2008/sps/TPKM/08_1572_00_e.pdf
Trinidad and Tobago	Date of adoption 15 September 2005 . Date of enforcement to be advised. All regulated wood packaging material from Trinidad and Tobago will be stamped in accordance with the ISPM 15 standard.
Turkey	Enforcement date 1 January 2006 . All Wood Packing material entering Turkey from all areas must be treated and certified in accordance with ISPM 15. All wood packing material should be debarked, subjected to fumigation by methyl bromide or heat treatment and marked in compliance with ISPM 15.
Ukraine	Date of enforcement 1 October 2005 .
USA	As of 5 July 2006 , imports must comply with requirements of ISPM No. 15 or be subject to removal from the importing country. Additional

Country	Implementation date
	information is available at: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/wpm/import.html
Venezuela	Date of enforcement 2 May 2005 .
Vietnam	Date of enforcement 5 June 2006 .
Yemen	Notification of intent to implement the standard has been issued but no official enforcement date has been confirmed.