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REGULATORY UPDATE

No-Bug Logo Status

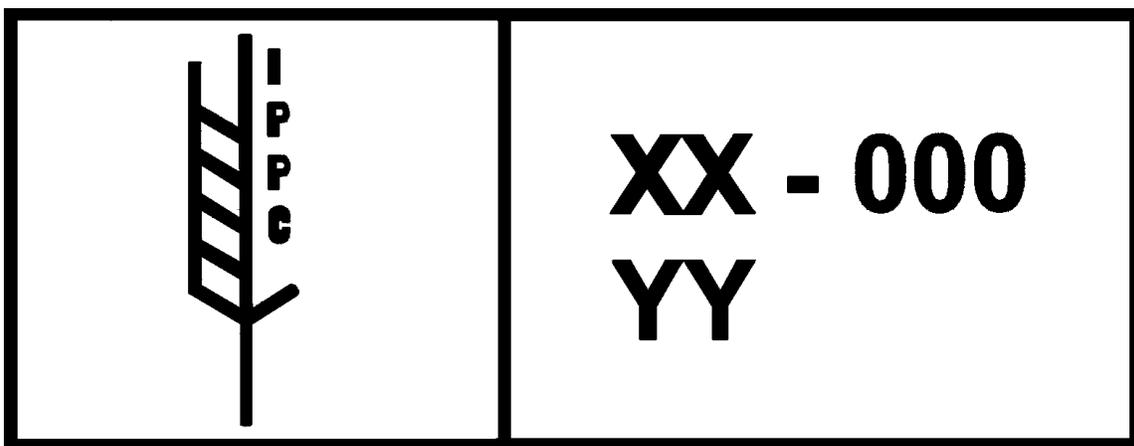
The latest information was posted on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP) on June 24, 2003. The update consisted of a notification that the new wood packaging mark has been placed on the IPP. The mark can be accessed directly from the IPP website at www.ippc.int and by clicking on the “Standards” tab.

ISPM No. 15, “The International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures: Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade”, has also been updated to

include the new logo in Annex II of the document. The document can also be accessed on the IPP website through the “Standards” tab.

The update goes on to say that the “mark is available for use by IPPC Contracting Parties and members of FAO, through the National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs), according to ISPM No. 15, the practices and principles of the International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs), and the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)”.

Included below is the updated mark, as incorporated into ISPM No. 15.



As stated in ISPM No. 15, the mark certifies that the wood packaging material bearing the mark has been subjected to an approved measure.

All marks should, at a minimum, include the following:

- IPPC symbol (as denoted on the left hand portion of the mark).
- The “**XX**” designation on the right hand side of the mark represents the ISO two letter country code. For the United States the code is **US**.
- The “**000**” is a unique number assigned by the NPPO (National Plant Pest Organization) to a producer of wood packaging material. This producer is responsible for ensuring that appropriate wood is used and properly marked. For the US, the NPPO is USDA APHIS.
- The “**YY**” designation is the IPPC abbreviation for the approved measure used. The two current designations are **HT** (heat treatment) and **MB** (methyl bromide).

Generally, an agency accredited to perform inspections/audits (e.g., National Hardwood Lumber Association, Package Research Laboratory, Missouri Forest Products Association, etc.) will include an identifying symbol, logo, or name of the agency on the right hand portion of the mark.

Other possible additions and requirements identified by the IPPC with regard to the mark are:

- Where debarking is required the letters **DB** should be added to the approved measure (e.g., **HT-DB**).

- Other information may be included, provided it is not confusing, misleading, or deceptive.
- Markings must also be established according to the model shown above, legible, permanent, not transferable, and placed in a visible location, preferably on at least two opposite sides of the article being certified.
- Use of red or orange on a mark should be avoided, because these colors are used in labeling dangerous goods.

Annex II of ISPM No. 15 also indicates, “recycled, remanufactured or repaired wood packaging material should be re-certified and remarked. All components of such material should have been treated.” It further indicates, “shippers should be encouraged to use appropriately marked wood for dunnage”.

MISCELLANEOUS

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