

APPENDIX E

Wood Packaging Material (WPM) International Requirements per International Plant Protection Convention Regulation ISPM#15

ALL WPM - **pallets, crates, boxes, and dunnage** - must be treated and marked in accordance with the regulation 7CFR 319.40-3(b), excluding WPM exempted by the regulation.

WPM without the IPPC mark will be reexported at the cost of the vendor and/or commodity broker.

Any additional costs incurred for non-compliance will be the responsibility of the vendor and/or commodity broker. Treatment or destruction will not be permitted.

The term “solid wood packing material” and “free of bark” statement is no longer valid. **A valid fumigation certificate must be included with all shipping documents.**

The regulation requires:

A) WPM in use in international trade to be treated. The approved treatments are:

1) Heat treatment to a minimum wood core temperature of 56°C for a minimum of 30 minutes

OR

2) Fumigation with methyl bromide.

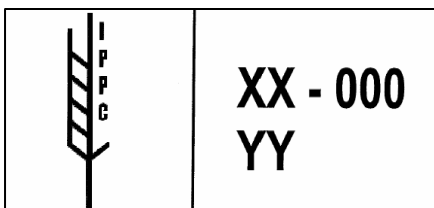
B) WPM must be marked with the IPPC logo and the two letter ISO code for the country that treated the WPM.

Example of the WPM mark:

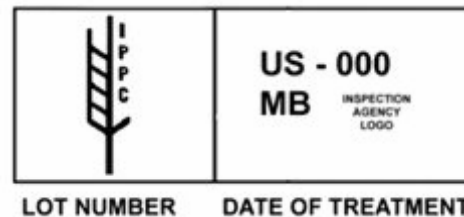
XX represents the ISO country code.

000 represents the unique number assigned by the national plant protection organization.

YY represents either HT for heat treatment or MB for methyl bromide fumigation.



Example:



Exemptions:

WPM made entirely of manufactured wood material (e.g. particle board, plywood, oriented strand board) and wine and whiskey barrels, or WPM made entirely of thin pieces of wood, (6mm thickness or less) is exempted from the marking requirements.