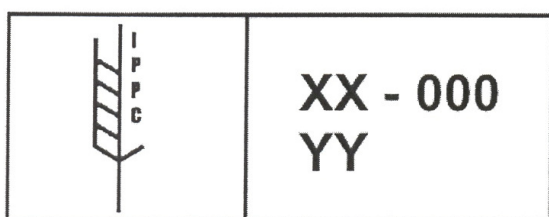


## **Additional information on new requirements for wood packaging material in consignments imported to Norway.**

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From 1 January 2009 wood packaging material in use for the import of all types of consignments is required to be treated and marked according to the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures ISPM No. 15. This means i.a. that the packing material shall be marked with the two-letter ISO country code, a code identifying the producer and the code identifying the treatment, as well as the logo as specified in Annex II to ISPM 15, see illustration of the mark below.



**Explanation :**

**XX - 000: country code – code identifying producer**

**YY: treatment code (e.g. HT=heat treatment or MB=methyl bromide fumigation)**

The complete text of the new requirements is available in Annex 4A, point 1.2 of Regulations relating to plants and measures against pests, as last amended 21.05.2008, see [text](#).

### **1. Types of wood packaging material covered by these requirements**

These requirements apply to all types of wood packaging material, such as boxes, packing cases, pallets, pallets collars, cable drums, as well as dunnage and other wood used to support or wedge cargo.

The requirements apply when such packing material is in use for import of all kinds of consignments, as well as for the import of consignments of used wood packaging material, e.g. used pallets.

Wood packaging material made wholly of processed wood that has been created using glue, heat and pressure, or a combination thereof (e.g. plywood, particle board and oriented strand board) and wood shavings and other wood of 6 mm or less in thickness are not covered by these requirements.

### **2. About ISPM 15 and the background for these requirements**

Wood originating from living or dead trees may be infested by plant pests. Wood packaging material is frequently made of raw wood that may not have undergone sufficient processing to remove or kill pests and therefore becomes a pathway for the introduction and spread of such pests. ISPM 15 (FAO International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures No 15 on Guidelines for regulating wood packaging material in international trade) describes measures that reduce the risk of introduction and spread of such pests associated with the movement in international trade, including an internationally recognized marking system that certifies that the packing material has been subject to such measures.

**3. Do these requirements also apply for the import from EU/EEA countries?**

Yes, they apply for import from all countries.

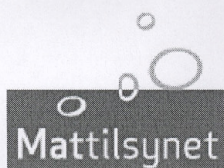
**4. Are these requirements exceptional for Norway?**

Many other countries in the world today have similar import requirements for wood packaging material. In the EU, such requirements apply for import from 3.land (including Norway), but not for trade between EU countries.

Treated and marked packaging material that has been in use for import to Norway may therefore generally be reused for export to other countries without further treatment and/or marking, unless the packaging has been repaired and new timber is inserted.

**5. How to get hold of ISPM-15 marked wood packaging material?**

The exporters should contact their national plant health authorities for information.



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## Import requirements for wood packaging material – implementation of ISPM No. 15

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Amendments to Regulations relating to plants and measures against pests were adopted by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food on 21 May 2008.

According to the amendments imported wood packaging material and wood used to support cargo at import ("dunnage") must be treated and marked according to ISPM No. 15 (FAO International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15 on Guidelines for regulating wood packaging material in international trade).

**The amendments will enter into force 1 January 2009.**

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