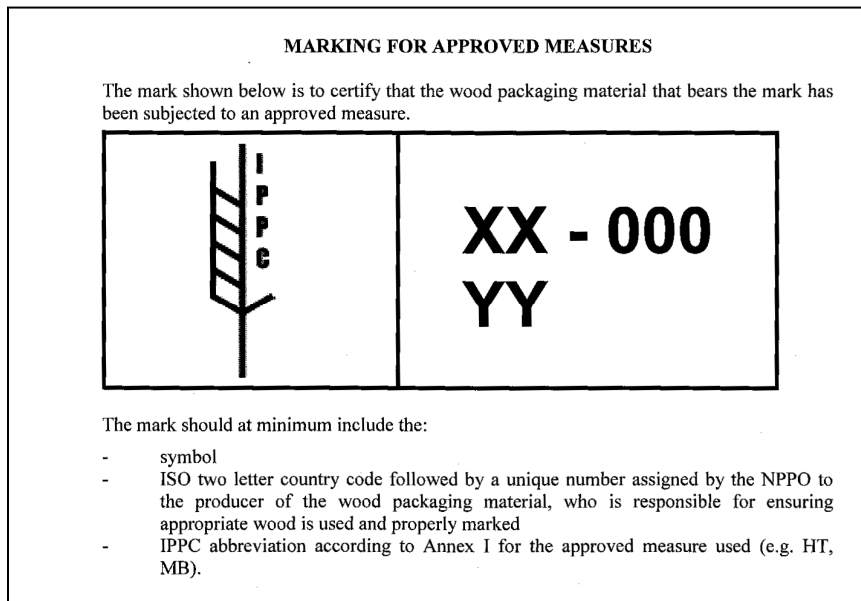


New Zealand Imports and Exports Using Wood Packaging

Wood Packaging Standard ISPM15 Enforced From July 1, 2006.

Please note the following in relation to New Zealand imports and exports using wood packaging (including dunnage). From the 1st of July 2006 all wood packaging coming in and out of New Zealand must comply with international wood packaging standard ISPM15. This means, wood packaging must carry a stamp like the one below, which indicates it has either been heat treated, or fumigated with methyl bromide.



Wood packaging arriving into New Zealand after 1st July 2006;

1. Wood packaging must comply with the import requirements (ISPM 15),
2. MAF will risk profile all consignments and select a subset for inspection,
3. Any untreated or uncertified wood packaging found will be treated, destroyed, or refused entry, regardless of whether pests are found,
4. A notice of non-compliance will be issued for any untreated or uncertified wood packaging,
5. Information from these non-compliances will be used to feedback into the risk profiling system, meaning that importers who develop a history of non-compliance will more frequently be selected for inspection,

All customer-owned wood packaging being exported from New Zealand by Safe Air will be checked for compliance, and automatically heat treated if required. Heat treatment of customer sourced packaging will be charged at cost to the customer.

More detailed information on wood packaging standard ISPM15 is available at <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/imports/forests/standards/non-viable-forest-produce/wood-packaging-ihs.htm>

It is the customer's responsibility to ensure any wood packaging in bound into New Zealand is compliant with ISPM15. Safe Air accepts no responsibility, or liability, should any in bound wood packaging be found to be non compliant.