

# ISPM-15. Phytosanitary Compliance

## What is ISPM-15?

ISPM-15 is a phytosanitary regulation by the FAO for wooden packaging used in international trade. It has been adopted by a large number of countries to avoid disseminating harmful organisms in forest masses.

In 2010 it was reviewed in Spain with some changes to the previous criteria.



### What is required?

To use suppliers of new or used crates, packaging and pallets that have obtained authorisation and a registration number to operate and mark wooden packaging under ISPM No. 15. See authorised FEDEMCO affiliates at [www.fedemco.com](http://www.fedemco.com)

Products bearing the ISPM-15 mark must have been treated once using heat treatment (HT) or equivalent processes.

### “What products does it affect?”

Dunnage wood, wooden crates, packaging or pallets with a thickness over 6 mm. Those made from processed wood are excluded (plywood boards, chipboard, fibre boards, etc.), or those that have undergone processes equivalent to heat treatment (HT) during manufacture.”

### Where does it exist?

For imports, it exists in all countries in the European Union, except for intra-community transactions. For exports, the destination countries which demand it are:

**EUROPE:** Bulgaria, Croatia, Georgia, Norway, Portugal, Switzerland, Turkey and Ukraine.

**AMERICA:** Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, United States, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela.

**ASIA:** Bangladesh, China, South Korea, Philippines, Hong Kong- Macao, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Oman, Syria, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Taiwan, Penghu and Matsu, and Vietnam.

**AFRICA:** Algeria, Cameroon, Egypt, Ivory Coast, Gabon, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Nigeria, Senegal, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

# ISPM-15 Regulations

## Marks and their meanings

The basic mark used to certify that the wooden packaging material bearing the mark has been subjected to approved treatment, can only be affixed by a supplier or an authorised third party, and must be marked on two opposing sides of new treated products and must exclusively include the following items in colours other than red or orange:

IPPC: International Plant Protection Convention Symbol

ES: Spanish ISO code

CP: Province code

0000: Supplier's registration number

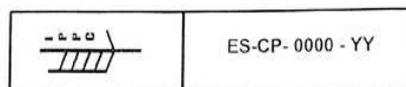
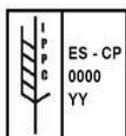
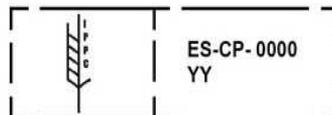
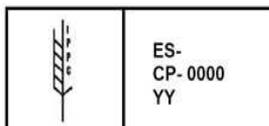
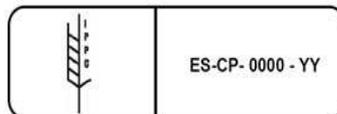
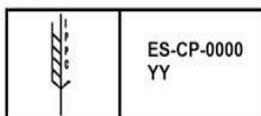
YY: HT Code ("Heat Treatment") or MB (Methyl Bromide)

Note.- The mark "DB" ("DeBarked") no longer exists.

## Reusable pallets or packaging

Reusable or second hand ISPM-15 pallets or packaging that have not been repaired do not need new treatment or authorisation by suppliers. On repaired items, each newly added component must bear the mark. Nevertheless, in Spain, the number of different marks on each wooden packaging unit is limited to two. When more than a third of the components are replaced, the previous marks will be deleted and the item will be treated and marked once only.

## EJEMPLOS DE MARCADOS ACEPTADOS



## Links of interest

International Plant Protection Convention

[www.ippc.int](http://www.ippc.int)

Ministerio de Medio Ambiente, Medio Rural y Marino

[www.marm.es](http://www.marm.es)

Direcção-Geral de Agricultura e Desenvolvimento Rural (Portugal)

[www.dgadr.pt](http://www.dgadr.pt)

U.S.Department of Agriculture

[www.aphis/usda.gov](http://www.aphis/usda.gov)

## Inspection document

Your ISPM-15 supplier will keep an internal record in which compliance and traceability of the materials and products under the regulations will be recorded, which may be periodically inspected by the Authorities.

Initially, the marks under authorisation of the Spanish Administration is sufficient for compliance with the ISPM-15 regulations internationally and customs inspections, and consequently no other certificates are required.

“Heat treatment (HT) required to maintain a temperature of 56 ° C for 30 minutes in the center of the wood”

