

Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Wooden Packaging Material to Taiwan (Draft)

1. “Wooden packaging material” (WPM) shall cover the WPM such as pallets, dunnage, crating, packing blocks, drums, cases, load boards, pallet collars and skids which are used to load, to pack, to mat, to support or to fix the commodity. The following WPM is not regulated in this requirement:

- (1) The thickness of WPM is less than 6 mm.
- (2) WPM is glued by heat and pressure.
- (3) WPM has been treated by paint or stain.
- (4) WPM has been treated by tar or other preservatives.
- (5) Wooden container with wine.

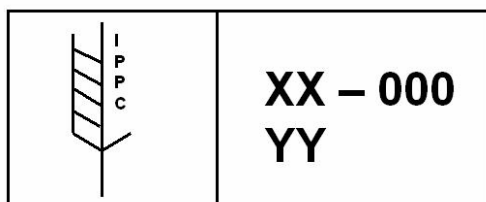
2. WPM shall be treated under the supervision of the plant quarantine authority of the exporting country according to International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15 (ISPM 15).

2.1 Methyl bromide (MB) fumigation: The minimum standard for methyl bromide fumigation treatment is as follows; the minimum temperature should not be less than 10°C and the minimum exposure time should be 24 hours.

Temperature	Dosage rate	Minimum concentration (g/m ³) at:			
		2hrs.	4hrs.	16hrs.	24hrs.
21°C or above	48	36	31	28	24
16°C or above	56	42	36	32	28
10°C or above	64	48	42	36	32

2.2 Heat treatment (HT): WPM should be heated in accordance with a specific time-temperature schedule that achieves a minimum wood core temperature of 56°C for a minimum of 30 minutes.

3. WPM has been treated by the approved measures should be marked according to ISPM 15. The specified mark is shown below:



The mark should at minimum include the:

- IPPC symbol
- XX: ISO two letter country code
- 000: a unique number assigned by the NPPO to the producer of the WPM, who is responsible for ensuring appropriate WPM is used and properly marked
- YY: the approved measure used (MB: methyl bromide fumigation; HT: heat treatment)

4. WPM which does not carry the required mark would be reshipped with the goods, destroyed or treated by MB fumigation or heat treatment mentioned above. The plant quarantine authority shall request the goods with their WPM are reshipped in the following conditions:
 - 4.1 The treatment can not be applied in current treatment facilities due to the volume of the WPM or other factors.
 - 4.2 The WPM and the commodities can not be separated and importer disapprove the commodity be treated with the WPM.