



Notice to Industry

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**Expansion of Implementation of the *International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) # 15: Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade (ISPM 15)* to Air and Break Bulk Cargo to Cover All Wood Packing and Dunnage for Imports into Australia.**

On 1 January 2006, Australia will expand the implementation of the international standard for solid wood packing and dunnage - the *International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) # 15: Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade (ISPM 15)* to air and break bulk cargo to cover all solid wood packing and dunnage.

**Purpose**

This notice is to provide information about the approach AQIS is taking in implementing ISPM 15 for air and break bulk cargo.

**CHANGES IN EFFECT FROM 1 January 2006**

**ISPM 15 Compliant Wood Packaging**

From 1 January 2006, AQIS will require mandatory compliance with ISPM 15 for solid wood packaging and dunnage used in supporting, protecting or carrying break bulk and air cargo imported into Australia. In the event of non-compliance, the timber will be treated, destroyed or re-exported.

If not marked with ISPM 15 compliant stamps, AQIS would accept evidence for the offshore treatment of timber packing associated with break bulk and air cargo.

AQIS will continue to accept packaging which meets existing non ISPM 15 AQIS requirements for containerised cargo only. Inspection will no longer be offered as an option for any imported wood packing and/or dunnage regardless of the mode of transport.

For AQIS purposes, ISPM 15 compliant wood packaging:

- Will **not** require a treatment certificate. For break bulk and air cargo there will be no requirement to present additional documentation regarding the treatment of timber packing. Instead, the current break bulk and air cargo surveillance programs will be modified to monitor compliance.
- Will **not** need to satisfy the AQIS 21 day rule. There is no limitation on time between treatment and shipping.

**Further information**

For further information regarding ISPM 15 compliant packaging clearance, please contact Import Clearance on telephone 02 6272 3999 or fax 02 6272 5888.