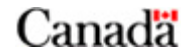


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Revision of the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 15

August 03, 2010**Notice To:**

Canada Wood
 Canadian Lumber Standards Accreditation Board (CLSAB)
 Canadian Wood Packaging and Container Association (CWPCA)
 Quebec Wood Export Bureau (QWEB)
 Conseil des fonds d'investissement du Québec (CFIQ)
 Canadian Forest Service (CFS)
 Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)
 Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT)

Scope

The purpose of this notice is to clarify proposed changes to Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) Policy Directive [D-01-05](#) and [D-03-02](#) in response to changes that were made in the revised ISPM No. 15 (2009), especially with respect to the use of the symbol: "D" which is used to identify dunnage and which the CFIA previously required as part of the certified wood packaging mark in the policy.

This notice is intended for use by Canadian wood packaging facilities, custom brokers, freight forwarders, exporters, CFIA registered Service Providers and CFIA inspection staff.

Background

A mark indicating that wood packaging material has been subjected to an approved phytosanitary treatment in accordance with ISPM No. 15 should be composed of the following components as outlined in Annex 2 of the standard:

- The symbol ("wheat sheaf" logo of the Food and Agriculture Organization)
- A country code (i.e. Canada = CA)
- A producer/treatment provider code (e.g. 12345)
- A treatment code using the appropriate abbreviation according to Annex 1 of ISPM No. 15 (HT or MB)

Registered facilities can utilize the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) wood packaging certification mark, hereto referred to as the mark; to verify that the wood packaging (WP) and/or dunnage produced is ISPM No. 15 compliant. This mark is used in lieu of a phytosanitary certificate. All WP and/or dunnage intended for international export must be stamped with the mark (including, in the future, WP destined for the continental United States).

Updates to ISPM No. 15

The Commission on Phytosanitary Measures adopted a revised ISPM No. 15 in April 2009 in an effort to clarify outstanding issues regarding the movement of wood packaging internationally. In turn, the CFIA is in the process of updating [D-01-05](#) and [D-03-02](#) in order to harmonize Canadian WP regulations with those outlined ISPM No. 15. The added regulations included in both ISPM No. 15 and the aforementioned policy directives were the amount of bark allowed on WP ([D-01-05, Section 6](#)), new regulations on repaired and remanufactured WP ([D-01-05, Section 8](#) and [D-01-05, Section 9](#)) and the stricter requirements placed on the use and design of the mark. These new

regulations placed on the mark are now reflected in both CFIA policy directives ([D-01-05, Appendix 1](#) and [D-03-02, Appendix 4](#)). The mark shall only include the four components listed above and shown in Figure 1.

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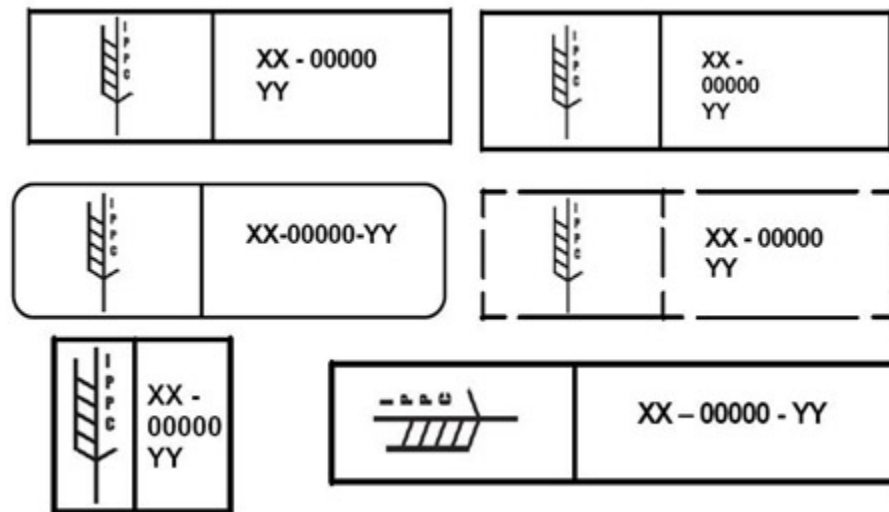


Figure 1: Examples of wood packaging certification mark.

Identifying Dunnage Material

Prior to the revision of ISPM No. 15, registered Canadian facilities were permitted to identify ISPM No. 15 compliant dunnage (WP used to secure or support a commodity but which does not remain associated with the commodity) with a "D" before the treatment code (e.g. D-HT). This added commodity code was an industry driven request to CFIA in order to protect producers from potential mis-use of the dunnage. Very few countries (perhaps only the United States and Canada) identify dunnage separately from other wood packaging.

The concern from industry was that unregistered facilities could acquire ISPM No. 15 stamped dunnage and attach it to non-compliant WP; resulting in the aggregated material misrepresenting compliant wood packaging. Hence, the purpose of the "D" was to differentiate dunnage material from other WP and thereby provide a means of recognition if it were to be used as a component in the manufacture of non-compliant wood packaging.

In accordance with ISPM No. 15 (2009), the "D" is no longer permitted within the border of the mark, only the above four components are permitted (Figure 1). This change was undertaken to ensure the integrity of the mark as an international symbol and to assist import authorities with identifying compliant marks by making all marks uniform in appearance.

The deadline for adoption of the stamp format by all registered facilities under the CHTWPCP or CWPCP is January 01, 2013. Meanwhile, the new format should be adopted for all new replacement stamps that occur before January 01, 2013.

Regards,

Marcel Dawson,
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