F3/19: Wood Packaging used for Export

Animal and Plant Products

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1   Wood packaging material used in exports

(1)   Exporters are reminded that wood packaging material (such as wooden crates, wooden pallets) used for exports of products from New Zealand to many markets should meet the international standard for treatment (International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures, ISPM-15) and be marked accordingly.

(2)   The ISPM standard does not include wood shavings, wood wool, or processed timbers, eg laminated products. For more information, refer to the Exemptions section.

(3)   MPI can assist with ensuring the packaging meets phytosanitary (plant health) and other requirements. Please refer to https://www.mpi.govt.nz/exporting/forest-products/wood-packaging/

(4)   Note that some markets may have additional requirements to ISPM 15. For more information, refer to https://www.mpi.govt.nz/exporting/forest-products/wood-packaging/requirements/country-ispm-15-requirements/.

(5)   ISPM-15 marks are detailed in the MPI Technical Standard: Certification Mark for Wood Packaging. Examples of compliant ISPM-15 marks are provided in the Standard.

(6)   If you have any concerns regarding the marks on the wood packaging provided to you, please contact your ISPM-15 wood packaging supplier in the first instance.

(7)   This FYI cancels:

a)   F3-04 Wooden Packaging Material Used in the Export of any Products from New Zealand
b)   F34/15 ISPM-15 Compliant Wood Packaging.

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