



Importation of Wood Packaging Material – Effective September 16th, 2005

Revised Regulation, 7CFR 139.40-3(b) for Solid Wood Packing Material will apply on import shipments container wood packing material.

International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) standards address harmonization among 137 governments for trade issues.

List of countries

<https://www.ippc.int/IPPC>

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7 CFR 319.40-3 requires:

Regulated wood packaging material may be imported into the United States under a general permit provided that the material is heat treated or fumigated with Methyl Bromide and is marked in a visible location with a legible and permanent mark that indicates that the article meets the requirements of this paragraph.

The mark must be approved by the International Plant Protection Convention and include a unique graphic symbol, the ISO two letter country code for the country that produced the wood packaging material, a unique number assigned by the national plant protection agency of the country of the producer of the wood packaging material and an abbreviation disclosing the type of treatment.

There are no significant difference between import and export standards.

Regulated Wood Packaging Materials include:

Wood or wood products used in supporting, protecting or carrying a commodity, including dunnage.

Exclusions or exceptions are:

Manufactured wood materials such as fiber board, plywood, whisky and wine barrels and veneer. Loose wood packing materials, sawdust, and pieces of wood that are less than 6 mm thick in any dimension.

Wood packaging material used by the Department of Defense

By bilateral agreement between the U.S. and Canada, WPM made entirely from Canadian origin wood is exempt from the treatment and marking requirements.

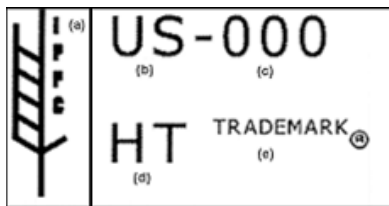
For determining country of origin, CBP have decided that the country of origin of the WPM is the country of origin of the goods, unless documentation shows otherwise. For example, if a shipment comes from Canada with the goods being of country of origin Canada, CBP will consider the pallets of CA origin. If a shipment comes from CA and the country of origin of the goods is Russia, CBP will consider the pallets to be of country of origin Russia, unless documentation is provided that the pallets are Canadian.

Customs has advised that paper certification of treatment will no longer be required or accepted. They further advise that they do not intend to specifically target shipments solely for WPM. If a violation of the SWP regulations are found during normal compliance determinations they will be handled in accordance with the policy listed below.

Consequences if Wood Packaging Material is not marked:

Immediate reexport of regulated wood packaging material. They will not require reexport to the country of original export. Cargo can be separated from the noncompliant WPM under certain limited circumstances. This must be accomplished under CBP supervision with a charge to the party in interest. No fumigation allowed in the U.S. or alternative disposal methods.

Acceptable Marking Format



- a. ISO country code
- b. Facility ID number
- c. Method of treatment code (HT or MB)
- d. Trademarked symbol, logo, or name of the authorized treatment facility



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International site

<https://www.ippc.int/IPPC>

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Pallet Industry:

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All WPM:

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