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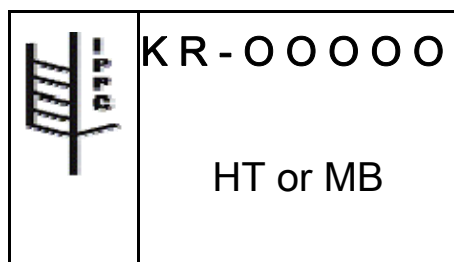
Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original: English

NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:		
2.	Agency responsible: National Plant Quarantine Service, Ministry for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries		
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Wood packaging material exported from Korea or imported into Korea		
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: [X] All trading partners, or [] Specific regions or countries:		
5.	Title of the notified document: Plant Quarantine Requirements for Imported or Exported Wood Packaging Materials Language: Korean Number of pages: 67		
6.	Description of content: The National Plant Quarantine Service (NPQS)/MIFAFF of the Republic of Korea will revise the regulation on wood packaging material as below. 1. Marking: For wood packaging material exported from Korea Previous: <table border="1"><tr><td></td><td>KR-000 (ZZ-001) HT or MB</td></tr></table>		KR-000 (ZZ-001) HT or MB
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Revised:

**(ZZ-001)**

The symbol of a producer of the wood packaging material and registered serial number of stamp of the producer which are assigned by NPQS in parenthesis, as an example (ZZ-001), are moved to outside of border of the mark.

(The previous mark will be used together with revised mark until 21 September 2009.)

2. For both exported and imported wood packaging material: Wood for wood packaging should be debarked before phytosanitary treatment and visually separated and clearly distinct small piece of bark may remain if they are; less than 3 centimeters in width (regardless of the length) or greater than 3 centimeters in width, with the total surface area of an individual piece of bark less than 50 square centimetres.
3. For both exported and imported wood packaging material: Live pest should not be found.
4. For both exported and imported wood packaging material: Methyl bromide treatment is not accepted for wood packaging with more than 200 mm width in any side of the wood.

7. **Objective and rationale:** [] food safety, [] animal health, [X] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.

8. **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**

- [] **Codex Alimentarius Commission** (*e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text*)
- [] **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)** (*e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number*)
- [X] **International Plant Protection Convention** (*e.g. ISPM N°*) ISPM 15
- [] **None**

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[X] Yes [] No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: http://www.npqs.go.kr/homepage/bulletin/bulletin01_view.asp (available in Korean)
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 22 March 2009 Propose date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 22 March 2009
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 22 March 2009 for marking (1), adoption date of revised ISPM 15 for others (2, 3, 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: National Plant Quarantine Service/MIFFAF #433-1, Anyang 6-dong, Anyang Kyonggi-do, 430-016, Korea Tel: +(82 31) 420 7665 Fax: +(82 31) 420 7605 E-mail: npqs@npqs.go.kr
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