

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF)
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 materials (wood and wood products (excluding paper products) used in supporting, protecting or carrying cargo)
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries or regions
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Import Health Standard: Wood Packaging Material from All Countries (available in English, 20 pages).
6. Description of content: The import requirements for wood packaging material entering New Zealand from all areas. Together with New Zealand's current import requirements for wood packaging material, New Zealand will adopt the provisions of the <i>International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) #15: Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade</i> once ISPM #15 has been approved for use by the Interim Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (ICPM).
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: The New Zealand import health standard allows for the adoption of ISPM #15 in parallel with existing import requirements for wood packaging material.

<p>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <p>ISPM #15: Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade (available in all languages of the FAO).</p> <p>The document may be accessed at: http://www.ippc.int/IPP/En/default.htm</p> <p>Import Health Standard: Wood Packaging Material from All Countries (available in English, 20 pages).</p> <p>The document may be accessed at: http://www.maf.govt.nz/biosecurity/imports/forests/</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption: 16 April 2003</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: 16 April 2003 and subject to adoption of ISPM #15 by the ICPM.</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: N.A.</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Dr Michael Ormsby New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry 101-103 The Terrace P.O Box 2526 Wellington NEW ZEALAND</p> <p>Tel: +64 4 498 9630 Fax: +64 4 470 2741 Email: forestihs@maf.govt.nz</p>
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