



International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM-15)

Given below the contents of the letter (F. No. 115-12/2005-PQD) dated 08.03.2006 received from Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Agriculture & Cooperation), Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage, NH IV, Faridabad - 121 001, Haryana.

It has been reported that many countries require wood packaging material used in the packaging of their import consignments to be rendered completely free of pests by either heat treatment or fumigation with methyl bromide in accordance with the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM-15). The wood packaging material used for packaging of export consignments is required to be marked after treatment by the treatment providers authorised by the National Plant Protection Organisation as per the guidelines prescribed under ISPM-15. Government of India has formulated the national standards to facilitate accreditation of these treatment providers and provide them with exclusive International Marks and Numbers. All exporters who use wood packaging material for packaging their goods for exports should ensure that such wood packaging material is treated by the authorised treatment providers under ISPM-15.

Now Lebanon has implemented ISPM-15 w.e.f. 26.03.2006. Member-exporters are requested to make a note of it.

The list of such treatment providers is available under the tab 'Treatment Providers' in Website address : plantquarantineindia.org, which is regularly being updated. Any further details, if required, can also be sought by E-mail to : ppa@nic.in.

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