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I. IMPLEMENTATION OF ISPM 15

1. In response to Agenda Item 17 of the Tenth Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures, Canada has noted that since it implemented the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) 15, Regulation on wood packaging in international trade in 2006, non-compliance has reduced to less than 10%. Given the large volumes of wood packaging moving in international trade, this remaining level of non-compliance, however, continues to present a significant pest risk to forests.
2. During a successful workshop hosted by the Asia-Pacific Plant Protection Commission (APPPC) and the North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) on the implementation of ISPM 15, held in Beijing, China from 10-14 June 2014, participants similarly reported that ISPM 15 had reduced the movement of quarantine pests intercepted with wood packaging material.
3. Participants, however, also indicated that countries were continuing to experience difficulties in dealing with fraudulence associated with the mark, developing effective methods for monitoring treatments and critical control points in the production process, obtaining authorities needed to control and enforce production systems, and other technical issues associated with ensuring that non-compliance is effectively addressed.
4. They advocated a number of management practices that could be added to the standard or to supplementary guidance to improve the secure movement of wood packaging material in international trade. They also suggested that an international workshop to discuss their proposals and to foster a thorough discussion of issues, would improve implementation. Such a workshop is in keeping with the IPPC's strategic functions of information exchange, capacity development and management of key global pathways.

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5. The APPPC-NAPPO workshop report may be downloaded from:

<http://www.nappo.org/en/data/files/download/Workshops%20docs/Report%20%20APPPC%20-%20NAPPO%20ISPM15%20workshopJune2014.pdf>

6. Canada therefore proposes that the IPPC Secretariat work with NAPPO and other interested RPPOs to organize an international workshop intended to achieve the following:

- 1) Identification and understanding of the key challenges faced by countries in implementing ISPM 15;
- 2) Development of recommendations for the improvement of the standard or other guidance material that supports enhanced compliance, taking into account the best practices proposed by the 2014 APPPC-NAPPO workshop; and
- 3) The establishment of NPPO information-sharing and cooperative approaches for enforcement that would support improved compliance rates.

7. The proposed workshop should include: NPPOs, RPPOs and representatives of industry to ensure that the resulting outcomes are both effective and practical and to maximise awareness of the importance of compliance and the potential consequences of non-compliance. Sufficient funding should be secured to support both the workshop and the participation of a majority of NPPOs.