

## **ISPM 15: 2009 (*Regulation of wood packaging materials in international trade*)**

The ISPM 15 was adopted by the Fourth Session of the Interim Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (ICPM) in 2002 as *guidelines for regulating wood packaging material in international trade*.

The standard was later revised and the modification adopted by the First Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-1) in 2006.

The first revision was adopted by the Fourth Session of Commission of Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-4) in 2009 as the present standard.

The standard describes phytosanitary measures that reduce risk of introduction and spread of quarantine pests associated with the movement in international trade of wood packaging material made from raw wood.

Wood packaging material covered by the standard includes dunnage but excludes material made from wood processed in such a way that it is free from pests.

Certification of wood for compliance with the treatment requirements of the standard is done by stamping a specific mark of the standard on the treated wood. Effectiveness of this requires that the mark be **legally registered** to protect it from abuse. However, protection of the mark through its registration in many countries remains a challenge with **more than 80 countries still not initiating the process of registration**.

Several countries have also expressed concerns about challenges to implementation of some aspects of the standard such as **notification of non compliance in relation to traceability, especially where the country of phytosanitary treatment is different from the country of use of the treated wood to package material for export**.