



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
PLANT AND ANIMAL HEALTH PROTECTION SECRETARIAT

NORMATIVE INSTRUCTION Nº 4, OF JANUARY 6, 2004

THE SECRETARY FOR PLANT AND ANIMAL HEALTH PROTECTION OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, by virtue of the authority vested in him by Article 15, Subsection II of Decree 4.629 of March 21, 2003, in view of that provided by Chapters I and II of the Plant Sanitary Protection Regulation, approved by Decree 24.114, of April 12, 1934,

Considering the new guidelines and international standards on phytosanitary management; risk measures for quarantine pests associated with wood packaging materials and pallets for transporting commodities in international trade, and what is covered in docket 21000.012879/2003-63, decides to:

Art. 1 Establish, on an emergency basis, until the process adjusting the Brazilian Phytosanitary Legislation to the International Standard is completed and compliance with the terms of notification to international agencies are met, inspection and control procedures for wood packaging materials and pallets used in the transportation of commodities in international trade.

Art. 2 In export processes, the Plant and Animal Health Federal Control Service shall certify wood packaging materials and pallets intended for packaging commodities destined to countries that require compliance with FAO International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15, endorsing the Treatment Certificates issued by companies qualified and accredited by the Ministry of Agriculture-MAPA.

§ 1 For countries that do not require compliance with this Standard, the current procedures, as defined by the legislation in force, shall continue to be used for inspecting and controlling wood packaging materials and pallets.

§ 2 To carry out methyl bromide and heat treatments, identify these treatments according to the procedures established in FAO International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures - (ISPM) No. 15, and follow the operating procedures attached hereto, the authorized companies, which provide quarantine and phytosanitary treatment services, should only be those properly qualified and accredited in accordance with SDA Normative Instruction No. 12 of March 7, 2003 (Federal Official Journal of March 11, 2003), whose updated list could be found available in the Agrochemical Control Management (CFA) of the Plant Protection and Inspection Division (DDIV) of the Plant and Animal Health Protection Secretariat (CFA), as well as in MAPA web portal (www.agricultura.gov.br).

Art. 3 In import processes involving commodities packed in wood packaging materials and pallets, the Plant and Animal Health Federal Control Service shall adopt inspection and control procedures based on sampling criteria, applying the provisions of Articles 10 and 11 and their paragraphs, Chapter II of the Plant Sanitary Protection Regulation, approved by Decree 24.114 of April 12, 1934, included in the operating procedures attached hereto, only for the countries that have notified the Brazilian government and WTO on their import measures adopted in accordance with FAO ISPM nº 15, keeping the same procedures established in the legislation in force for further countries.

Art. 4 This Normative Instruction shall come into force on the date of its publication.