

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>CANADA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)
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 (wood or wood products (excluding paper products) used in supporting, protecting or carrying cargo) (ICS: 55.040, 79.040)
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries or regions except the continental United States
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: D-98-08 (3 rd Revision, 2003): Entry Requirements for Wood Packaging Produced in all Areas other than the United States (English, 17 pages; French 18 pages)
6. Description of content: Wood packaging entering Canada from all areas except the continental United States must be treated and certified in accordance with the standards established in the <i>International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) #15: Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade</i> or in a manner approved by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.
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 proposed Canadian import policy permits in addition to those specified in the standard identification markings or the use of certificates in lieu of markings for an interim period of time only. This deviation has been allowed to permit exporting countries sufficient time to adapt to the international measures.

9.	<p>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). The document may be accessed at: www.ippc.int/servlet/BinaryDownloaderServlet/16259_1031241811859_ispm15.pdf?filename=1031241811859_ispm15e.pdf&refID=16259</p> <p>Plant Protection Act and Plant Protection Regulations http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/reg/rege.shtml (English) http://www.inspection.gc.ca/francais/reg/regf.shtml (French)</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption: 1 June 2003</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: 1 June 2003.</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: 10 May 2003</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>
13.	<p>Texts available from: [] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>The electronic version of the regulatory text can be downloaded at: www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveg/for/fore.shtml (English) www.inspection.gc.ca/francais/plaveg/for/forf.shtml (French)</p>