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Committee on Sanitary and  
Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>DOMINICAN REPUBLIC</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> <i>Departamento de Sanidad Vegetal, Secretaría de Estado de Agricultura</i> (Department of Plant Health, Ministry of Agriculture)
3.	<b>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):</b> Wood packaging material used in international trade, including packing cases, boxes, crates, drums and similar packings, pallets, box pallets and other load boards, and pallet collars, used for transporting objects of all kinds, except raw wood of a thickness of less than 6mm, and wood processed or produced by using glue, heat or pressure, or a combination thereof.
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> All Members of the World Trade Organization (WTO).
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> <i>Manual de Procedimientos para la Aplicación de la Norma No. 15 en la República Dominicana</i> (Manual of Procedures for the Implementation of Standard No. 15 in the Dominican Republic) (in Spanish, 22 pages).  International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 15: Guidelines for regulating wood packaging material in international trade.
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The notified manual sets forth regulations for the implementation of ISPM No. 15 in the Dominican Republic.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	<b>International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>  The International Plant Protection Convention devised ISPM No. 15 to regulate wood packaging material in international trade, with a view to preventing the introduction and/or spread of wood packaging-related pests and diseases. There are no differences between ISPM No. 15 and our Manual of Procedures for Regulating Wood Packaging in International Trade.

<p><b>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p> <p>Guidelines for regulating wood packaging material in international trade. International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 15. <i>Manual de Procedimientos para la Aplicación de la Norma No. 15 en la República Dominicana</i> (Manual of Procedures for the Implementation of Standard No. 15 in the Dominican Republic) (available in Spanish). Adopted on the basis of ISPM No. 15. Resolution No. 22/2004, whereby the Ministry of Agriculture, through the Department of Plant Health as National Plant Protection Organization, adopts the treatments referred to in IPPC (FAO) International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 15, approved in March 2002, for wood packaging destined for use in international trade (available in Spanish).</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption:</b> 1 July 2005</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1 July 2006</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> 26 June 2006</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
<p><b>13. Texts available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Km. 6 ½ Autopista Duarte, Jardines del Norte, Santo Domingo, D.N.  Tel: 809-547-3888, Ext. 4100, 4101, 4102, 4103, 4104  Fax: 809-562-8939  E-mail: sanidad_vegetal@agricultura.gov.do  Web site: <a href="http://www.agricultura.gov.do">http://www.agricultura.gov.do</a></p>