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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>PHILIPPINES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI), Department of Agriculture (DA)
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): Coniferous and non-coniferous wood packaging material such as pallets, dunnage, crating, packing blocks, drums, cases, load boards, pallet collars, and skids
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Implementing Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade (Draft)
6. Description of content: All wood packaging material entering the Philippines shall comply with the requirements of the "Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade (ISPM 15)", approved by the Interim Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (ICPM).
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"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <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:
9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: English
10. Proposed date of adoption: 1 June 2004
11. Proposed date of entry into force: 1 June 2004
12. Final date for comments: 31 May 2004 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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:

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