

NOTICE 319 OF 2004**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****NOTIFICATION ON COMPLIANCE TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARD FOR
PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES No. 15 – “GUIDELINES FOR REGULATING WOOD
PACKAGING MATERIAL IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE”**

The Minister of Agriculture is hereby issuing a notification that the phytosanitary measures described in International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15 – “Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade”, will be a requirement for the importation of solid wood packaging material into various countries, including South Africa.

South Africa will implement the requirements on publication of this Notice in the Government Gazette.

The United States of America and Canada have notified the WTO (World Trade Organization) that they will implement the international standard from May, 2004 and the EU has notified the WTO that they will implement the international standard from 1 July 2004.

All manufacturers of and treatment providers for solid wood packaging material in South Africa for exporting purposes shall register at the National Department of Agriculture to qualify as an authorised user of the required treatment verification mark for those products that comply to the requirements of the international standard: International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15 – “Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade”.

Applications for registration can be obtained from:

1. **Department of Agriculture**
Deputy Director: Plant Health
30 Hamilton Street
Harvest House
Room 208A
Pretoria.

Tel. No's: (012) 319-6100/6399/6310
Fax no: (012) 319-6350
2. **Department of Agriculture's Website:**
<http://www.nda.agric.za>
National Regulatory and other Services
National Plant Protection Organisation