

**NOTICE 68 OF 2005**  
**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**NOTIFICATION ON FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARD FOR PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES No. 15 (ISPM 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 (ISPM 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 ISPM 15 on 1 January 2005:**

- All wood packaging material entering South Africa shall be treated and marked in accordance with ISPM 15. Wood packaging material will be inspected at ports of entry for compliance with ISPM 15 and should any infestation be found it will be treated on expense of the importer or re-exported to the exporting country

**From 1 March 2005 South Africa will enforce ISPM 15:**

- All wood packaging material shall be treated and marked in accordance with ISPM 15. Wood packaging material which do not comply with the requirement of ISPM 15 will either be re-exported to the exporting country or disposed of in a manner determined by the National Plant Protection Organization of South Africa (NPPO).

All major trading partners will be implementing ISPM 15 during 2005. One of the most important trading partners, the **EU**, will implement from 1 March 2005. In order for South Africa to comply with ISPM 15:

- All wood packaging material being exported from South Africa from 1 January 2005 shall be treated and marked in accordance with ISPM 15.
- All manufacturers and fumigators of wood packaging material must register at the mentioned address, to obtain the unique South African registration number.

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