

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>ISRAEL</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Plant Protection and Inspection Service, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, State of Israel
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 materials
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners, or <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Regulation no. 12 (Packaging materials) issued as part of the Regulations Concerning Plant Protection (Import of Plants, Plant Products, Pests and Regulated Articles) – 2009 <b>Language:</b> Hebrew and English <b>Number of pages:</b> 10
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> All wooden packing material must be marked according to standard ISPM 15 of the IPPC. In this matter, wood packing material includes pallets and supporting beams.
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 type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission ( <i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) ( <i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i> ) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention ( <i>e.g. ISPM N°</i> ) International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) of International Plant Protection Convention. There are no substantive deviations from the ISPMs. <input type="checkbox"/> None

<p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>	
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> The detailed text of the provisions of this regulation may be seen in the order, which is placed on the website <a href="http://www.ppis.moag.gov.il/NR/rdonlyres/BFAAC1EB-EBBC-430D-BD31-D92401EA691B/0/PlantImportRegulations2009UnofficialTranslation.pdf">http://www.ppis.moag.gov.il/NR/rdonlyres/BFAAC1EB-EBBC-430D-BD31-D92401EA691B/0/PlantImportRegulations2009UnofficialTranslation.pdf</a> (available in Hebrew and English – unofficial translation).</p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> February 2009</p> <p><b>Propose date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b></p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 October 2009</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Ms. Yael Armitage, Plant Protection and Inspection Services (PPIS), Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, PO Box 78, Bet Degan 50250, Israel.          Fax: +(972) 3 968 1507          Email: andiyael@moag.gov.il</p>
13.	<p><b>Texts available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Available on internet <a href="http://www.ppis.moag.gov.il/NR/rdonlyres/BFAAC1EB-EBBC-430D-BD31-D92401EA691B/0/PlantImportRegulations2009UnofficialTranslation.pdf">http://www.ppis.moag.gov.il/NR/rdonlyres/BFAAC1EB-EBBC-430D-BD31-D92401EA691B/0/PlantImportRegulations2009UnofficialTranslation.pdf</a></p>