

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>CUBA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: <i>Centro Nacional de Sanidad Vegetal, Ministerio de la Agricultura</i> (National Centre for Plant Health, Ministry of Agriculture)
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: Non-manufactured wood used as packaging material in international trade, including dunnage, skids, load boards, pallets, crates, barrels, boxes, packing cases, drums, pallet collars and packing blocks.
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries trading consignments of goods containing non-manufactured wood packaging material.
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: <i>Resolución No. 50/2008 que establece el Reglamento de la República de Cuba para la aplicación de la Norma Internacional de Medida Fitosanitaria No. 15</i> (Resolution No. 50/2008 establishing Cuban regulations for the implementation of International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 15) (available in Spanish, 13 pages, including six annexes).
6.	Description of content: The notified text sets forth phytosanitary measures and procedures aimed at reducing the risk of the introduction or spread of quarantine pests associated with non-manufactured wood packaging material used in international trade which can pose a threat to any country. The text specifies who must comply with the measures and procedures and who is responsible for enforcing compliance.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input 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.	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: International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 15 – "Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade" The Resolution implements this international standard in Cuba.
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: <i>Gaceta Oficial de la República de Cuba</i> (available in Spanish)
10.	Proposed date of adoption: Not applicable

11.	Proposed date of entry into force: 1 October 2008
12.	Final date for comments: Not applicable Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National notification authority, [] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:
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