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(*Date*)

Airfreight Forwarders Association Of Malaysia  
16B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Jalan Kemuja, Bangsar Utama  
59000 Kuala Lumpur  
Malaysia

Dear Sir,

#### **PROCEDURES ON IMPLEMENTATION OF ISPM NO. 15 FOR IMPORTS**

Notice on Implementation of ISPM No. 15 for Imports dated 14 September 2009 is referred. The Department of Agriculture will be implementing ISPM No. 15 for imports starting 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010.

2. For implementation of the ISPM No. 15, the importer must comply with procedures as stated below. For WPM from Sabah and Sarawak the same procedures apply.

Thank you

Director General of Agriculture Malaysia

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## PROCEDURES TO IMPORTS WOOD PACKAGING MATERIALS (WPM)

### AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

1. All exporters should declare, %dthis consignment contain wood packaging materials+, by stamping on the manifest/ invoice/ packing list
2. All importers should apply for inspection / clearance to Customs/Port Authority at least 24 hours prior to arrival of cargo for all commodities accompanied with WPM.
3. Upon arrival, WPM shall be subjected to inspection and clearance by MAQIS Officers or Import Officers\*.
4. All trans-shipment may be inspected / cleared at the final port of destination.
5. All WPM should have the required / approved marking. *There is no requirement for a date to be a part of the approved marking per ISPM 15.* No other documentation is required for the release of WPM.
6. The following phytosanitary measures should be followed in the event of the following situations ;

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#### I. Without Approved Marking

- Commodity must be put on hold and shall be under guard by MAQIS Officers or Import Officers\*.
- If the commodity with the WPM will not be affected by Methyl Bromide treatment, conduct treatment at once.
- If Methyl Bromide has an effect on the commodity, necessary stripping of the commodity will be required.
- Non . compliance report shall be prepared by MAQIS to be submitted to DOA for notification immediately to the NPPO of the country of origin and a copy furnished to the importer.
- Any non-compliant WPM must at all times be stored in a closed container that is effective in ensuring that pests are not allowed to enter the environment.
- Storage areas of non-compliant WPM must be :
  - i. isolated from other domestic wood commodities;
  - ii. materials that has already undergone processing and
  - iii. adjacent forested lands by no less than 30 meters.

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\* Define as in Plant Quarantine 1981

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- If the non-compliant WPM need to be disposed off by burying, :
    - i. It should be buried at a minimum depth of 3 meters below the surface of the ground, at a site where re-excavation of the material will not occur and
    - ii. wood must not be left exposed within the burial pit.
  
  - If WPM condition is bad (eg.: heavily infested, rotten wood), the WPM will be destroyed or refused entry.

## **II. With live regulated pest found**

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