

IMPLEMENTATION OF ISPM NO. 15 AS OF APRIL 2007

Communication from Japan

The following communication, dated 27 October 2006, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Japan.

1. Based on the result of a pest risk analysis for wood packaging material, Japan has amended its Import Plant Quarantine Regulation (MAF Notification No. 206, 1950). This amendment was published on 6 October 2006 and will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

2. With a view to harmonizing our regulation with the international standards, the definition of wood packaging material and measures for it in the regulation are equivalent to those provided in ISPM No. 15. Wood packaging material treated and certified according to ISPM No. 15 will not be subject to import quarantine procedures. Wood packaging material without the mark (Annex II, ISPM No. 15) will be inspected at ports of entry by plant quarantine officers for confirmation of compliance with the regulation. Detection of a quarantine pest constitutes non-compliance and it is subject to disinfestation, incineration or re-shipping by consignee's choice according to Japanese domestic law.

3. References:

- Outline of the regulation (in English): <http://www.pps.go.jp/english/woodpack/index.html>
- PRA report (in Japanese): <http://www.pps.go.jp/konpozai/import/prainwoodpra01.pdf>
- This adoption was also reported to the IPPC through the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP): <https://www.ippc.int/servlet/CDSServlet?status=ND1ucHBvanAmNj1lbiYzMz1uZXdzJm3PWtvcw~~#relateds>