

**MONITORING THE USE OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS:
ISPM 15**

Communication from China

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1. The Chinese Government holds the view that in the implementation of ISPM standard No.15, the following problems have been observed.
 2. In March 2003, China and Korea carried out cooperative research on pine wood nematode disinfection by the Methyl Bromide Fumigation Index in the international standard. The results indicated that the pine wood nematode could not be killed effectively by using the index. Additionally, countries like Australia shared the same point of view. Before the 5th ISPM Conference in April 2003, the Sino-Korean research group had already submitted the research report to the IPPC secretariat. China submitted the report of the "Study on treatment technology of Bursaphelenchus Xylophilus Niche in wood packaging material with Methyl Bromide Fumigation" to IPPC in November 2004.
 3. Currently, countries have started one-by-one to adopt this international standard for stipulating their regulations on wood packaging for import and export. The Chinese Government hopes that IPPC will take the decision to amend the Methyl Bromide Fumigation Index as soon as possible.
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