

# STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION WRT TO THE TREATMENT OF WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL

## 1. INTRODUCTION

### ▪ Objectives:

To provide a standard operating procedure to be followed for registration wrt the use of the international certification mark by manufacturers or treatment providers of wood packaging material

### ▪ Principles

To ensure that South Africa complies with the requirements of the International Plant Protection Convention - International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures Number 15. (IPPC - ISPM No 15)

### ▪ References

- Revised Text of the International Plant Protection Convention
- International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures No 15: "Guideline for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade."

## 2. DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

"Applicant" means a manufacturer of or treatment provider for solid wood packaging material applying for registration to comply with the requirements of ISPM No 15.

"IPPC" means the International Plant Protection Convention

"ISPM" means International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures

"NPPO" means the National Plant Protection Organization"

### 3. PROCEDURE

- 3.1.1 Apply to the Department of Agriculture, The South African National Plant Protection Organization using the prescribed form obtainable from the Departmental website: <http://www.nda.agric.za>, National Regulatory and Other Services, National Plant Protection Organization.
- 3.1.2 Application to be accompanied by comprehensive records including detail of treatment to confirm compliance with ISPM No. 15 requirements.
  - 3.1.2.1.1 Detail of suppliers/service providers
  - 3.1.2.1.2 Declaration that only mentioned suppliers/service providers will be utilised.
  - 3.1.2.1.3 Heat treatment - computer printout of time and temperature schedules
  - 3.1.2.1.4 Methyl Bromide - copy of the registration certificate in terms of the Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act, 1947 (Act no. 36 of 1947) ( Fumigator must be registered for fumigation).
- 3.1.3 To confirm volumes treated and volumes utilised.
- 3.1.4 Each company will be given a unique registration number to be applied to the treated wood according to Annex II of ISPM 15.
- 3.1.5 The SA NPPO shall audit the process on an ongoing basis.
- 3.1.6 Should any official notification of interception be received from the NPPO of an importing country, the registration shall be withdrawn with immediate effect. The matter will be investigated to determine the reasons for non-compliance. Effective pest risk management must be ensured for registration to be reinstated in future.

#### 4. REVIEW

The National Department of Agriculture, Directorate: South African Agricultural Food, Quarantine and Inspections Services shall review this standard operational procedure annually , taking into consideration any amendments to ISPM no. 15 by the IPPC.

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#### 5. APPENDIXES

##### **Appendix A**

Application for Registration of Manufacturers of and Treatment Providers for Solid Wood Packaging Material intended for Export.