



DEPARTMENT: AGRICULTURE

REGULATING WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL ENTERING SOUTH AFRICA

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Compliance with ISPM 15.

Packing material from raw wood must bear mark of *country of origin*.

Country of origin means country:

- Where plants from which plant products are derived were grown
- Where raw timber was treated
- Where regulated articles were first exposed to contamination by pests



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RSA will accept Phytosanitary certificate from countries that have not yet implemented ISPM 15.



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Implementation at Ports of Entry in South Africa:

- **Random inspections**
- **Spot checks**
- **Enforcement by stopping and requiring treatment by 1 March 2005**



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SADC regional situation:

- **Special arrangement within region – if agreement – will use special markings**
- **Pending agreement freer movement of goods might be possible in SADC region, but not outside SACU countries**



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Refusal of entry if non-compliance of goods from countries implementing ISPM 15.

Responsibility of exporter/importer to confirm if the country of origin is implementing ISPM 15 and ensure compliance.



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Implementation dates:

- **Australia – Proposed 1 September 2004. Current import conditions for wood to be maintained parallel with ISPM15 ensuring continued market access to Australia.**
- **Nigeria – 1 October 2004**
- **Philippines & Turkey – 1 January 2005**
- **RSA – 1 January 2005 (Enforcement 1 March 2005)**
- **Brazil – proposed date was 6 January 2005**
- **EU – 1 March 2005**
- **USA, Canada & Mexico – 16 September 2005**
- **India & Korea – 1 June 2004**
- **Colombia – Still to be determined**

