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To: Exporters and ISPM No.15 service providers.

Implementation of date code on wood packaging material

Dear Clients

Subsequent to the notice dated 16th of July 2015 introducing enforcement of date code on ISPM 15 certified Wood Packaging Material (WPM) with effect from 01 January 2016, Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) received follow-up enquiries which are clarified as follows:

- Date code shall consist of a day, month and year (e.g. 01-01-2016, 01/01/2016 or 01 Jan 2016).
- **Must be placed strictly outside the borders of IPPC mark in a visible location, on a side be visible (preferably on two sides). For all USA special programmes two sides is compulsory**
- The date code must be legible, durable and not transferable.
- Methyl Bromide service providers shall apply date of treatment.
- Heat treatment service providers shall apply date of treatment or date of manufacturing in cases where they using wood treated elsewhere.
- WPM certified before 01 January 2016 will be exempted.
- Exporters with the left over stock received before implementation date will be exempted provided they can provide proof of procurement to DAFF or PPECB.

We trust that this letter will receive your required attention

Yours faithfully

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