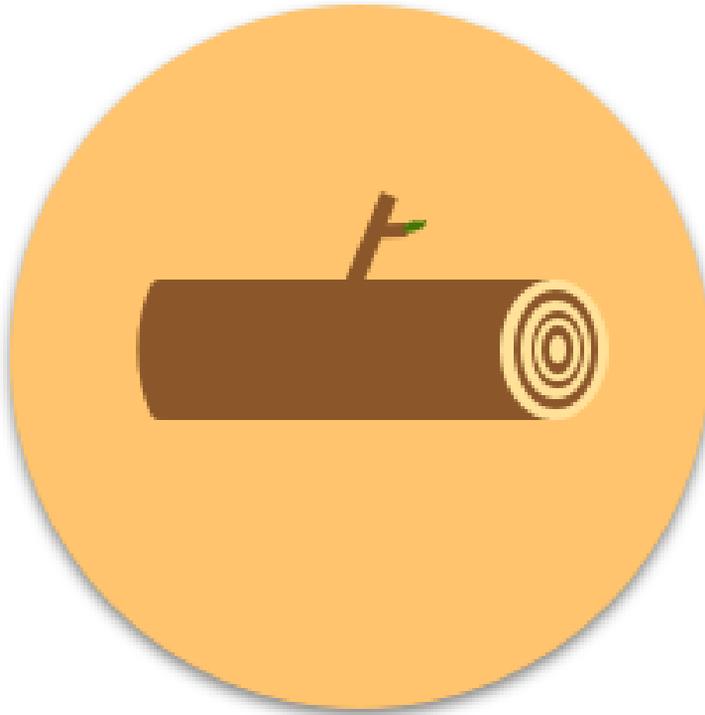


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# Pallet ISPM Standards FAQ's



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# What Is An ISPM Standard?

ISPM Standard is the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures. **Publication ISPM15** relates to the regulation of Wood Packaging Material (WPM) in international trade.

The **International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)** controls ISPM15 through the cooperation of member governments of the UN, as part of the **United Nations Food & Agriculture Organisation (FAO)**.

## Why Do My Pallets Need Them?

Your WPM needs this regulation (ISPM15) in order to help prevent the worldwide spread of plant pests and diseases by ensuring all WPM is specially treated.

Plant Health is of vital importance. These markings prove that the pallets are safe for exporting to prevent the spreading of these pests and diseases. Without this marking, companies cannot trade into the EU and to other countries who rely on the ISPM15 Standard.

Image from Northstate Woodwork Co.



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# What Is Classed As WPM?

ISPM15 applies to coniferous softwood and non-coniferous hardwood used as raw wood packaging material (WPM).

It does not apply to wood packaging made wholly of manufactured wood-based products such as:

- Plywood and veneer.
- Raw wood less than 6mm thick
- Reconstituted wood products (particle board, chipboard, presswood, oriented strand board, high density fibre board, and medium density fibre board).
- Products created using glue, heat and pressure or a combination thereof.

**All regulation standard  
treated WPM will have this  
IPPC mark**

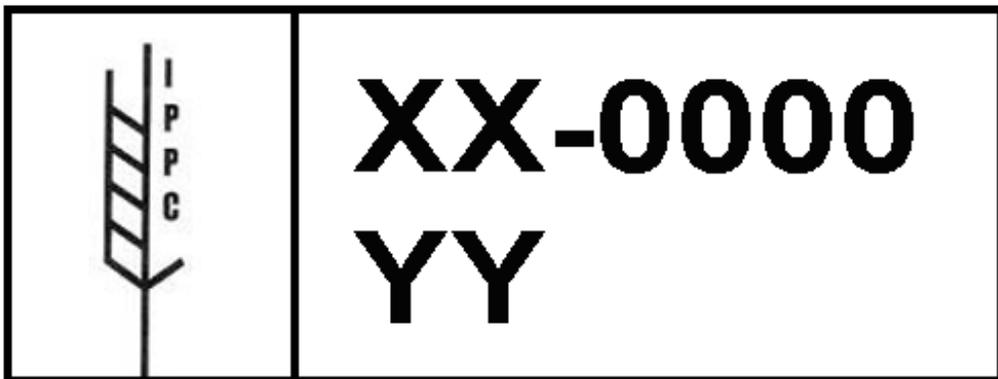


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# What Do These Markings Means?

The markings must be within a rectangular border with a vertical line separating the IPPC logo (*above*) from the identifying data.

The border lines may be solid or broken; and the corners may be rounded.

- XX - indicates a two letter ISO country code.
- 0000 - the next series of letters/numbers is the unique identification mark of the wood treatment agent or packaging manufacturer.
  - The number of letters or digits may vary according to each country.
  - The country code and treatment agent or manufacturer code must be separated by a hyphen.
- YY - This indicates the type of treatment.
  - This will either be HT (Heat Treatment) or MB (Methyl Bromide).

The marking 'DB' (indicating debarking has taken place) is no longer used. However, as pallets may last several years, the older style of ISPM15 marking is still permissible.

## Plant Health Legislation

Plant Health legislation has been transposed from EU law, namely [\*\*Directive 2000/29/EC\*\*](#), as last amended by [\*\*Implementing Directive \(EU\) 2017/1279\*\*](#). This lists certain harmful organisms that may be targeted by specific control measures if they are:

- Listed in annexes I and II (Part A, Section I) and found in the EU for the first time;
- Listed in annexes I and II (Part A, Section II) and found in an EU country where their presence was previously unknown.

Specific control measures may also be targeted at other harmful organisms previously unknown to occur in the EU and which are not listed in the annexes of [\*\*Directive 2000/29/EC\*\*](#) but are of potential economic importance.



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# UK Plant Health Legislation

In the UK Plant Health legislation is constantly updating and changing, as stated previously, to keep up with the changes to the EU Legislation due to the identification of new diseases and pests which can be harmful to the agriculture and horticulture of different countries.

Plant Health Act 1967 was the first most important piece of legislation in this field which aimed to control pests and diseases injurious to agricultural or horticultural crops, or trees or bushes.

Plant Health (England) Order 2015 implements Directive 2000/29/EC (inter alia). It prevents certain materials containing new diseases from entering the UK and gives power to the Secretary of State to authorise plant traders to issue plant passports.

## The Plant Health (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

These Regulations exist to prepare the UK for EU Exit Day. Schedule 4 of these Regulations illustrate the regulated material, originating in third countries which may be brought into the relevant UK territory if specific requirements are met.

It states that wood packaging material must be debarked and subject to one of the treatments specific in Annex 1 to ISPM No. 15 and must display an ISPM mark indicating it has undergone approved phytosanitary treatment.



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## The 'B' Word

The **[Plant Health \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#)** involve the retention of EU legislation surrounding Plant Health and ISPM Standards. Due to Brexit, the country faces a dilemma in keeping up to the standard which allows us to mark wood pallets with the ISPM marking. Not being able to do so will create a barrier to trade with the EU, something which we, as a nation, must avoid.

Plant Health legislation is constantly updating, and it is important to keep up to date with this. **[The Plant Health \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#)** exist in order to keep on the same level of compliance as the rest of the EU and MSs, as well as many other nations across the world.

The Guardian has recently released an article surrounding the potential **[Pallet Crisis](#)** in the event of a no-deal Brexit. If this occurs, it means that all pallets being imported will need to undergo a check at the Dover-Calais border which will ultimately create a harsh barrier to trade.



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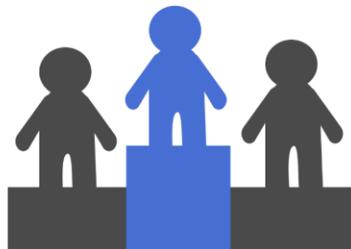
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- We can provide and support internal audits as part of ISO14001 on your compliance to the Regulations.
- We can review your legal registers to ensure all relevant legal and other requirements are listed.
- We can provide an Initial Environmental Review.
- We can also create standard SOPs for checking the compliance status for your Pallets.

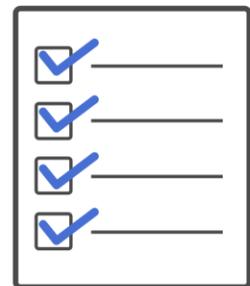
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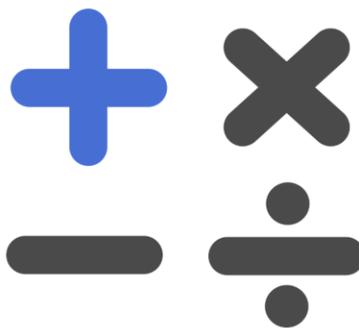
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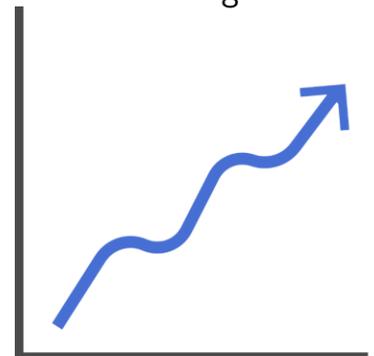
Clause 6 - Environmental Planning



Clause 7 - Support



Clause 8 - Operations for Environment



Clause 9 - Performance Evaluation



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