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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 6 November 2009, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of member:

NEW ZEALAND Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF).

New Zealand has made a major amendment to the *Import Health Standard for Wood Packaging Material from All Countries*. The import health standard is dated 1 November 2009. A summary of the changes to the import health standard are described below.

This addendum concerns a:

- Modification of final date for comments
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- Withdrawal of proposed regulation
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Import Health Standard for Wood Packaging Material from All Countries

<http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/files/ih/wood-packaging.pdf>

The major changes to the IHS are:

- 1) Inclusion of the option of inspection for non-compliant wood packaging material, particularly on all non-ISPM 15 compliant or untreated wood packaging.
- 2) Update of the IHS to align with the 2009 version of ISPM 15. This includes a tolerance level for small pieces of bark, greater recognition of the need to reduce use of methyl bromide fumigation, as well as further specifications for the ISPM 15 mark and remanufactured, recycled, and repaired wood packaging material.

The IHS has also been updated with the latest weblinks, contact details, terms and definitions.