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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: NEW ZEALAND If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Biosecurity New Zealand (MAFBNZ)
3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Wood Packaging Material
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners, or <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Draft Import Health Standard: Wood Packaging Material from all Countries (September 2009) Language: English Number of pages: 9
6. Description of content: Proposed changes to the Import Health Standard (IHS) include: 1) Inspection of all non-compliant wood packaging: The most significant change to the IHS is the inclusion of the option to inspect all non-ISPM 15 compliant or untreated Wood Packaging Material (WPM). 2) Tolerance level for debarked wood: The proposed amendment to the IHS aligns with the ISPM No.15 (2009) which states that any number of small and clearly distinct pieces of bark may remain on imported wood packaging material if they are less than 3cm in width, or if wider than 3cm, the total surface area of each bark piece is less than 50cm ² . 3) Changes to Other Treatments Approved by New Zealand: The approved phosphine fumigation rate has been increased to 3.0 g/m ³ for at least 120 hours (5 days) at a temperature of 15OC or above. The increases in the fumigation rate and time of application are based upon results from the latest research on phosphine fumigation efficacy of quarantine timber pests conducted in New Zealand.

For more information on the changes, see:

<http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/biosec/consult/draft-ihs-wood-packaging-material>

7. **Objective and rationale:** food safety, animal health, plant protection, protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, protect territory from other damage from pests.

8. **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**

Codex Alimentarius Commission (*e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text*)

World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (*e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number*)

International Plant Protection Convention (*e.g. ISPM N**)
ISPM No.15 Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade

None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

Yes No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

9. **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:**

10. **Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):** 1 November 2009

Propose date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 1 November 2009

11. **Proposed date of entry into force:** Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 November 2009

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12. **Final date for comments:** Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 16 October 2009

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: National Notification Authority, National Enquiry Point. **Address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:**

13. **Texts available from:** National Notification Authority, National Enquiry Point. **Address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:**

The draft import health standard and summary of proposed changes are available on the MAFBNZ website:

<http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/biosec/consult/draft-ihs-wood-packaging-material>