

**SDDC OPERATIONS CENTER**  
**CUSTOMER ADVISORY**  
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**Subject:** Japan Quarantine Requirement on Wood Packing Materials of imported cargoes into Japan. Annex II, ISPM No. 15 implementation.

**Purpose:** To notify shipping activities of a new requirement.

**Be Advised:** Based on the result of a pest risk analysis for wood packing material, Japan has amended its Import Plant Quarantine Regulation (MAF Notification No. 206, 1950). This amendment was published on 6 October 2006.

Effective 1 April 2007, all non-manufactured Wood Packaging Materials (WPM) except plywood, veneer panels, particleboard, glued laminated wood, pulp board, and agglomerated cork from all countries going to Japan must be either heat treated under ISPM 15 (heat treatment to a core temperature of 56 degrees C for a minimum of 30 minutes) with an official ISPM mark on the WPM or treated with Methyl Bromide (MB) and officially marked (with exposure to the fumigant a minimum of 16 hours). WPM without the valid symbols approved by the producer/treatment facility as designated by the NPPO or without an accompanying Fumigation Certificate may be destroyed or returned to Origin at the shippers' expense.

To conclude, export shipments to Japan should have one of the following:

- 1) Have no wood packing materials or
- 2) Have only ISPM 15 compliant wood packing materials or
- 3) Be fumigated with Methyl Bromide (certified)

Website:

<https://www.ippc.int/servlet/CDSServlet?status=ND1ucHBvanAuMTU3OTcxJjY9ZW4mMzM9bmV3cyYzNz1pbmZv>

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**Expiration:** N/A