

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>CUBA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> <i>Centro Nacional de Sanidad Vegetal, Ministerio de la Agricultura</i> (National Centre for Plant Health, Ministry of Agriculture)
3.	<b>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:</b> Non-manufactured wood used as packaging material in international trade, including dunnage, skids, load boards, pallets, crates, barrels, boxes, packing cases, drums, pallet collars and packing blocks.
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> All countries trading consignments of goods containing non-manufactured wood packaging material.
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> <i>Resolución No. 50/2008 que establece el Reglamento de la República de Cuba para la aplicación de la Norma Internacional de Medida Fitosanitaria No. 15</i> (Resolution No. 50/2008 establishing Cuban regulations for the implementation of International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 15) (available in Spanish, 13 pages, including six annexes).
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The notified text sets forth phytosanitary measures and procedures aimed at reducing the risk of the introduction or spread of quarantine pests associated with non-manufactured wood packaging material used in international trade which can pose a threat to any country. The text specifies who must comply with the measures and procedures and who is responsible for enforcing compliance.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	<b>International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b> International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 15 – "Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade" The Resolution implements this international standard in Cuba.

<b>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> <i>Gaceta Oficial de la República de Cuba</i> (available in Spanish)
<b>10. Proposed date of adoption:</b> Not applicable
<b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1 October 2008
<b>12. Final date for comments:</b> Not applicable <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:
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