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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: EGYPT
	If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation – Central Administration of Plant Quarantine (CAPQ)
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 materials
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries exporting cargo to Egypt with wood packaging materials.
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: "Measures for the administration of imported wood packaging materials" (available in Arabic, 1 page).
6.	Description of content: Wood packaging materials entering Egypt from all countries must be treated and certified in accordance with the standards established in ISPM #15 ("Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade").
7.	Objective and rationale: $[\]$ food safety, $[\]$ animal health, $[\]$ plant protection, $[\ X\]$ protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, $[\ X\]$ protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	International standard, guideline or recommendation:
	[] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), [X] International Plant Protection Convention, [] None
	If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: $\rm ISPM~\#15$
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: ISPM #15 ("Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade") (Available in all FAO languages). Download at www.ippc.int
10.	Proposed date of adoption: 7 July 2005
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: 1 October 2005

12. Final date for comments: 6 September 2005

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National notification authority, [] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

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