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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>ISRAEL</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Plant Protection and Inspection Service, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, State of Israel
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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners, or <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Regulation no. 12 (Packaging materials) issued as part of the Regulations Concerning Plant Protection (Import of Plants, Plant Products, Pests and Regulated Articles) – 2009 Language: Hebrew and English Number of pages: 10
6.	Description of content: All wooden packing material must be marked according to standard ISPM 15 of the IPPC. In this matter, wood packing material includes pallets and supporting beams.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM N°</i>) International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) of International Plant Protection Convention. There are no substantive deviations from the ISPMs. <input type="checkbox"/> None

<p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>	
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: The detailed text of the provisions of this regulation may be seen in the order, which is placed on the website http://www.ppis.moag.gov.il/NR/rdonlyres/BFAAC1EB-EBBC-430D-BD31-D92401EA691B/0/PlantImportRegulations2009UnofficialTranslation.pdf (available in Hebrew and English – unofficial translation).</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): February 2009</p> <p>Propose date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 October 2009</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Ms. Yael Armitage, Plant Protection and Inspection Services (PPIS), Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, PO Box 78, Bet Degan 50250, Israel. Fax: +(972) 3 968 1507 Email: andiyael@moag.gov.il</p>
13.	<p>Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Available on internet http://www.ppis.moag.gov.il/NR/rdonlyres/BFAAC1EB-EBBC-430D-BD31-D92401EA691B/0/PlantImportRegulations2009UnofficialTranslation.pdf</p>