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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>KENYA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS)
<b>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):</b> Solid wood packaging material used in supporting, protecting or carrying break bulk and air cargo imported into Kenya (All timber species of non-manufactured wood)
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Draft Regulations on Phytosanitary import requirements for plants and plant products imported to Kenya (available in English, 17 pages).</li><li>• <i>International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM 15: Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade)</i></li></ul> <b>Language:</b> <b>Number of pages:</b>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The document stipulates the requirements for importation of plants and plant products into the territory of Kenya. These requirements include the need for a Plant Import Permit (PIP), phytosanitary certificate, physical inspections and adherence to wood packaging standards for containerized cargo according to the <i>International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15: Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packing Material in International Trade (ISPM 15)</i> .  In addition, Kenya has provided a list of approved entities for the treatment of wood packaging material in line with the ISPM 15 measures.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <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.	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission</b> (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)</b> (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention</b> (e.g. ISPM number) <i>International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures No.15: Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade.</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> <i>International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures Publication No. 15 - Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade (ISPM 15).</i> The full text of ISPM 15 is available in English at:</p> <p><a href="http://www.ippc.int/servlet/BinaryDownloaderServlet/ISPM_15_English.pdf?filename=1055161712885_ISPM15_e.pdf">http://www.ippc.int/servlet/BinaryDownloaderServlet/ISPM_15_English.pdf?filename=1055161712885_ISPM15_e.pdf</a></p> <p>Draft – Plant Protection Regulations 2010: Available from the National Enquiry Point for plant health (KEPHIS)</p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> Not indicated.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b></p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): As soon as published in the Kenya Gazette.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not indicated.</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS)  P.O. Box 49592, Nairobi  Kenya  Tel.: + 254 20 353 6171/2  Fax: + 254 20 353 6175  E-mail: director@kephis.org  Website: <a href="http://www.kephis.org">http://www.kephis.org</a></p>

**13. Texts available from: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point.  
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