

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and  
Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

<b>1. Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>NICARAGUA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> <i>Ministerio Agropecuario y Forestal, MAG-FOR</i> (Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Forestry)
<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> Pallets, crating, drums, load boards, wooden spools, dunnage, packing blocks, cases, pallet collars
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Trading partners
<b>5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> <i>Norma Técnica Obligatoria Nicaragüense para la Reglamentación de Medidas Fitosanitarias para Embalaje de Madera Utilizado en el Comercio Internacional</i> (Nicaraguan Mandatory Technical Standard regulating phytosanitary measures for wood packaging material in international trade) (5 pages, in Spanish).
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This Standard applies to coniferous and non-coniferous raw wood packaging material that may serve as a pathway for plant pests.
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
<b>8. 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
<b>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> <i>NTON 21 001- 04 Norma Técnica Obligatoria Nicaragüense para la Reglamentación de Medidas Fitosanitarias para Embalaje de Madera Utilizado en el Comercio Internacional</i> (Nicaraguan Mandatory Technical Standard (NTON) No. 21 001-04 regulating phytosanitary measures for wood packaging material in international trade) (available in Spanish).
<b>10. Proposed date of adoption:</b> To be established

<b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> To be established
<b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:  Ministerio de Fomento, Industria y Comercio (MIFIC) Km 6 carretera a Masaya Tel.: (505) 267-0161, Ext. 1048 Fax: (505) 267-2019 E-mail: <a href="mailto:dtnm@mific.gob.ni">dtnm@mific.gob.ni</a>
<b>13. Texts available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:  Ministerio Agropecuario y Forestal (MAG-FOR) Kilómetro 3½ carretera a Masaya Managua, Nicaragua Telefax: (505) 278-5042 and 270-9972 E-mail: <a href="mailto:dgpsa@dgpsa.gob.ni">dgpsa@dgpsa.gob.ni</a>